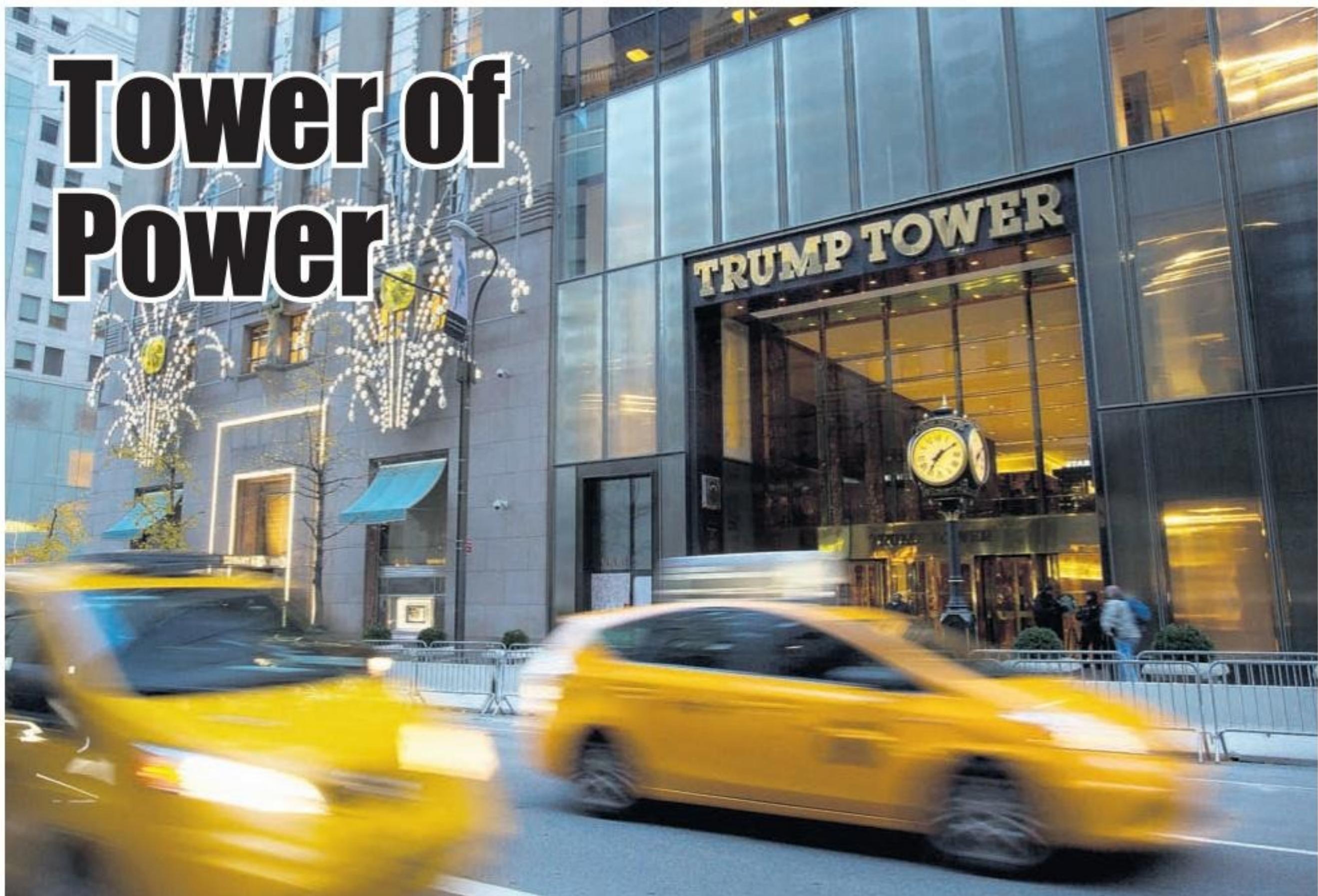




Tower of Power



Traffic passes Trump Tower, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in New York. Donald Trump held court from his perch high above Manhattan on Monday, receiving a line of former rivals, longtime allies and TV executives while overseeing his presidential transition.

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Trump Auditions Cabinet Prospects High Above Manhattan

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump held court from his perch high above Manhattan on Monday, receiving a line of former rivals, longtime allies and TV executives while overseeing a

presidential transition that at times resembles a reality show like the one he once hosted.

Trump met with nearly a dozen prospective hires, all of whom were paraded in front of the cameras set up in the Trump Tower lobby as

they entered an elevator to meet with the president-elect.

Out of public view himself, he fell back on his TV star roots by filming a video that touted his legislative goals once he takes office.

Trump did not immediately

announce any firm appointments after the meetings, which came on the heels of a two-day whirlwind of interviews at his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey.

Unlike his predecessors, who often spoke with Cabi-

net candidates under a cloud of secrecy, Trump has turned the search into a very public audition process. The extraordinary exercise took on a routine feel on Monday.

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Turkey renews calls for Syria no-fly zone

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ANKARA, Turkey (AP) —

Turkey called on the United States and other nations Monday to rethink its proposal for a no-fly zone in northern Syria as the U.N. expressed deep concerns over the bombing of hos-

no-fly zone to protect Syrian opposition forces from President Bashar Assad's air force.

Ankara sent its own ground troops into Syria in August, but they are not fighting the Syrian government. Instead, Turkish forces and allied Syrian opposition fighters are battling the

Trump, who has expressed skepticism about American support for Syrian rebels and hinted at joining forces with Moscow against IS.

Erdogan's comments came after Adnan Abu Amjad, a Syrian rebel commander allied with Kurdish forces, said Turkish warplanes struck his group



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg shake hands before a meeting in Istanbul, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016. Speaking at the NATO summit in Istanbul, Stoltenberg said he is "looking forward" to working with Donald Trump's upcoming U.S. administration and reiterated the trans-Atlantic alliance's dedication to increasing funds from non-U.S. members. (Kayhan Ozer, PPS/AP)

pitals in rebel-held parts of Aleppo. Government forces pounded besieged rebel-held neighborhoods of the northern city for a seventh day, raising fears for the civilian population after airstrikes hit most of the hospitals in the area over the weekend.

"There are no more working hospitals in eastern Aleppo, where more than 100,000 children are trapped under siege and heavy bombardment with dwindling access to food and medicine," said Geert Capellaere, regional director for the U.N.'s children's agency.

"They need these hospitals to stay alive."

"Children should not be dying in hospitals because of bombs and they should not be dying in schools," he said, referring to a school that was hit on the government side of the city on Sunday, killing eight students.

Turkey has long called for a

Islamic State group and U.S.-backed Kurdish forces, which Ankara views as an extension of the Kurdish insurgency in southeastern Turkey.

Addressing a NATO parliamentary assembly in Istanbul, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan again criticized allies' reliance on Syrian Kurdish fighters to battle IS.

"I hope that in the upcoming process, this will be reassessed, especially by the United States, and positive steps will be taken so that terrorism's back is broken and Turkey is rid of the threat of terrorism," Erdogan said.

Turkey's positions have put it at odds with Washington, which has refused to directly target Assad's forces while providing air support for the Syrian Kurds, who have proven to be among the most successful ground forces battling IS.

It's unclear how those policies might change under President-elect Donald

near the northern town of Manbij late Sunday, killing one fighter and wounding others.

"The Turkish state is a terrorist state that is attacking positions of the military council that is fighting Daesh," said Abu Amjad, commander of the Manbij Military Council, using an Arabic acronym to refer to IS. Russian warplanes are also soaring through Syria's crowded skies, striking insurgents in a massive offensive announced last week that is aimed at shoring up Assad's forces.

"The bombing that is conducted by the Russian and Syrian air forces is just adding to the human suffering in Syria," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told the assembly in Istanbul.

He said Syrian government forces are responsible for "indiscriminate bombing" in Aleppo, Syria's largest city, which has emerged as the epicenter of the civil war. □

Pope Francis allowing priests to absolve "grave sin" of abortion

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Saying nothing is beyond the reach of God's mercy, Pope Francis told Catholics worldwide he is allowing all priests to absolve the faithful of abortion — women and health workers alike — even while stressing that it is a grave sin in the eyes of the church to "end an innocent life."

In an Apostolic Letter made public Monday, Francis said he was extending indefinitely the special permission he had granted to all rank-and-file priests during the just ended Holy Year of Mercy.

"There is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled" with God, the pope wrote in the 10-page letter, signed Sunday, the day the Holy Year ended. But, he added: "I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life."

Because the Roman Catholic Church holds abortion to be such a serious sin, absolution had long been a matter for a bishop, who could either hear the woman's confession himself or delegate it to a priest considered an expert in such situations, a potentially intimidating scenario for many of the faithful.

In his letter, the pope appeared to acknowledge that. "Lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God's forgiveness," he wrote, "I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion."

A top Vatican official, Monsignor Rino Fisichella, told a news conference at the Vatican on Monday that the pope's words applied to all those who were involved in an abortion — "from the women to the nurse to the doctor and whoever supports this procedure."

"The sin of abortion is inclusive. Thus forgiveness for the sin of abortion is all-inclusive and extends to all those who are participants in this sin," Fisichella said. The pope is "absolutely not" lessening the gravity of the sin of abortion, Fisichella added in comments to Sky TG24. Still, the head of an Italian anti-abortion group expressed concern that some priests might trivialize the sin of abortion. Gian Luigi Gigli, president of the Movement for Life, said women or health care workers who confess to abortion should be given penance in the form of volunteer work at the group's centers that work to prevent abortion.

By permitting all priests to absolve the sin of abortion, Francis was further applying his vision of a merciful church called to minister to the problems of its flock, reflecting concerns he became familiar with while archbishop of Buenos Aires in his native Argentina. Last year, he wrote that some women who had abortions felt they had no choice but to make "this agonizing and painful decision."

In his Apostolic Letter, Francis called on every priest to "be a guide, support and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation."

O. Carter Snead, director of the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, noted that priests hearing the confessions of those involved in abortion had already been "a longstanding practice in the United States and several other countries."

Thus, Francis is essentially "reminding us that the core message of the right-to-life movement is one of radical hospitality, mercy and unconditional love for every member of the human family, including mothers and fathers whose lives have been broken by abortion and who now seek forgiveness," Snead said. □

Trump auditions Cabinet prospects high above Manhattan



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his wife Callista Gingrich walk through the lobby as they arrive at Trump Tower, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 in New York, to meet with President-elect Donald Trump.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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First, former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown stepped off the gold-plated elevator into the marble-coated lobby after his meeting to declare to waiting reporters that he was "the best person" to become Veterans Affairs secretary.

Next, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, a candidate for Interior secretary, did much the same, striding off the lift to say she had "a wonderful discussion" with Trump. Former Texas Governor Rick Perry declined to speak to reporters, but he did take time for a photo with the Naked Cowboy, the underwear-sporting, guitar-strumming New York institution who is normally a fixture at Times Square but has spent recent days camped out at Trump Tower singing about the president-elect.

Democratic Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who resigned her post on the Democratic National Committee after endorsing Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, also met with Trump but entered and exited out of sight. She later defended crossing party lines to meet with Trump about U.S. involvement in Syria, saying in a statement

she would never "play politics with American and Syrian lives."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a longtime Trump ally, also arrived with his wife, Callista, for a meeting.

Senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said of the visitors, "Not all of them will be in his Cabinet and his federal government, but they are all incredibly important in offering their points of views, their experience and certainly their vision of the country."

No one was saying whether Trump would announce more appointments before heading to Florida for Thanksgiving. He was planning to leave Tuesday or Wednesday to spend the holiday at his Mar-a-Lago estate, while Vice president-elect Mike Pence will spend Thanksgiving in Mississippi, where his Marine son is stationed.

Trump has largely remained out of sight since winning the election, save for a flurry of brief public appearances over the weekend, often with Pence at his side, to flash thumbs-ups and provide quick updates on his progress in building a government. He remained in the upper floors of his skyscraper Monday, seeking counsel on the phone and

interviewing candidates all while keeping an eye on the cable news coverage of the day's events.

The video he made, expected to be released late Monday, continues the president-elect's practice of trying to go over the heads of the media and take his case directly to the American public. Since Election Day, he has twice ditched the group of reporters designated to follow his movements and has so far eschewed the traditional news conference held by the president-elect in the days after winning. Trump has not held a full-fledged news conference since July.

But the media were clearly on his mind as he met with executives and on-air personalities from TV networks.

He frequently singled out the media — declaring them "so dishonest" — for criticism during the campaign, but it's not unusual for presidents to hold off-the-record meetings with journalists when trying to promote policies or programs.

Among the attendees were NBC anchor Lester Holt and "Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd, ABC "Good Morning America" host George Stephanopoulos and anchor David Muir, CBS "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson, CNN's Wolf Blitzer and several executives at the networks.

None of the attendees would discuss the meeting with reporters in the lobby, though Conway said it was "very cordial, very productive, very congenial." □

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Authorities say Texas, Missouri officers shot in ambushes

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A manhunt was underway Monday in Texas for a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of a veteran police detective in what authorities say was one of several attacks targeting law enforcement in multiple states.

The San Antonio detective as well as officers in Missouri and Florida were conducting routine tasks Sunday when they became the targets of violence.

The detective was writing a traffic ticket when he was shot to death in his squad car late Sunday morning outside police headquarters. "I think the uniform was the target and the first person that happened along was the first person that (the suspect) targeted," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said at a news conference Monday. In Missouri, a St. Louis police sergeant was shot twice in the face Sunday evening while he sat in traffic in a marked police vehicle. The sergeant was released from the hospital Monday. The shootings were the latest in what law enforcement officials say is an alarming spike in ambush-style attacks. Twenty of the 60 police officers shot to



A woman leaves ties balloons at a make-shift memorial for slain San Antonio police officer Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in San Antonio. Marconi was fatally shot during a traffic stop near police headquarters Sunday.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

death on the job this year were purposely targeted by their assailant, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

Police officers also were shot and injured during traffic stops in Sanibel, Florida, and Gladstone, Missouri, on Sunday night, but authorities have not suggested these were targeted attacks.

The shootings come less than five months after a

black military veteran killed five white officers at a protest in Dallas — the deadliest day for American law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001.

Race was a factor in the Dallas attack, but police have not said if race played a part in any of the attacks on Sunday. In San Antonio, police say the suspect is black and the officer was white. In St. Louis, the suspect was black. Police have not released the race

of the officer shot. Most police slayings are carried out by white men, and most people shot and killed by police are white, said Craig W. Floyd, president of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. McManus identified the San Antonio detective killed Sunday as Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force. The search for a male suspect was still underway Monday. McManus said he doesn't

believe the suspect has any relationship to the original motorist who was pulled over.

Surveillance video shows the suspect at San Antonio police headquarters about four hours before Marconi was shot. The suspect asked a desk clerk a question but left before receiving an answer, said McManus, who declined to say what the man asked.

"I don't know why he was in headquarters. We have some ideas," he said.

St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson declined to name the 46-year-old officer on his force who was shot in the face Sunday evening, but said he is a married father of three who has been with the department for about 20 years.

"This officer was driving down the road and was ambushed by an individual who pointed a gun at him from inside of his car and shot out the police officer's window," Dotson said.

The suspect, 19-year-old George P. Bush III, was wanted for questioning in recent violent crimes that included several robberies, a carjacking and perhaps a killing, Dotson said. He didn't elaborate.

Police said Bush was later killed in a shootout with officers. □

Police plan for possibility of more protests in Baton Rouge

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Police are preparing for the possibility of more protests in Baton Rouge once the Justice Department finishes investigating the shooting death of a black man by police this summer.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards hosted a meeting Monday of law-enforcement officials, community activists and religious leaders to discuss efforts to improve relations between police and the public following Alton Sterling's fatal shooting in July.

Edwards said his office doesn't know when the Justice Department will conclude its investigation of Sterling's shooting or

whether it could result in any criminal charges.

In October, U.S. Attorney Walt Green said in a statement that federal authorities had dedicated hundreds of hours to investigating Sterling's shooting and were "committed to taking all necessary steps to reach a just result based solely on the facts and the law." But Green didn't give a timetable for announcing a decision.

Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr. said police won't allow any protests to turn "violent, destructive or unlawful" but will respond "as least aggressively as we can."

"Our stance is going to continue to be as long as you're nonviolent, as long

as you're following the law, people will have the ability to protest and say what they want to say," Dabadie said.

Police arrested nearly 200 protesters in Baton Rouge after Sterling's July 5 shooting outside a convenience store where he scuffled with two white police officers. Cellphone videos of the deadly encounter quickly spread on social media, fueling protests in other parts of the country.

The mass arrests of Baton Rouge protesters led to a pair of federal lawsuits that accused police of using excessive force and of violating protesters' civil rights.

If more protests break out after the Justice Department concludes its inves-

tigation, State Police Col. Mike Edmonson said officers will help people protest peacefully "to make sure that their voices are heard."

"We're going to go where they are, and we're going to work with them. Edwards said Monday's meeting was part of an ongoing effort to improve relations between police and members of the public.

"The simple truth of the matter is we have too many police officers who are scared of members of the public and too many members of the public who are scared of police officers. It doesn't have to be that way," Edwards said.

Sandra Sterling, one of Alton Sterling's aunts, has ex-

pressed frustration with the pace of the Justice Department's investigation.

"Nothing has changed. People just talking," she said after attending Monday's meeting with the governor.

Some community leaders have called for the Justice Department to release more information about its investigation. In addition to cellphone video of the shooting, investigators also have police dashcam and bodycam video and store surveillance footage that hasn't been made public.

"They haven't been transparent at all in my opinion," said Cleve Dunn Jr., a prominent black businessman who attended the meeting. □



Yesenia Sesmas is seen in an undated photo provided by the Dallas County SO. Sesmas is a suspect in the shooting death of a Wichita, Kans., woman on Friday, Nov. 18 and stealing her baby. (Dallas County Sheriff's Office via AP)

Police: Woman admits abduction for ransom; victim found dead

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SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A woman acknowledged kidnapping another woman and picking up a \$250,000 ransom that authorities handed over in hopes of the safe return of the victim, but her body was found along a rural road in Washington state two days later, a police report said Monday.

Police tailed and arrested Theresa Wiltse, 49, after she got the ransom for Sandra Harris, 69, at a gourmet grocery store Friday night, the document said.

"Theresa confessed to being part of the kidnapping," along with two men she identified only as "Jose" and "Jesus," the report said.

But her "role appears to be much bigger than she claims," police wrote, adding that blood was found in the backseat of Wiltse's vehicle and it was being analyzed.

It was not immediately clear how Harris died, authorities said.

The kidnapping was not random — Wiltse knew the victim and her husband, Randy Harris, who

owns a pawn shop in the city of Kennewick called Ace Jewelry and Loan, authorities said. Wiltse lives in the small town of Connell about 40 miles away.

"The exact nature of how they are known to each other is still a part of this investigation," police said in a statement.

A man who answered the phone at the pawn shop Monday said Randy Harris was not there and declined additional comment.

A driver found Sandra Harris' body Sunday in arid scrubland along a road south of Kennewick, off Interstate 82, the Benton County Sheriff's Office said. An autopsy was scheduled later this week to determine how and when she died.

Police only have Wiltse in custody but said they were not ruling out the possibility of additional arrests.

"But we do not have any specific persons that we are looking for," according to police in the community about 130 miles southwest of Spokane.

Harris was kidnapped Friday from her Kennewick home, police said. Harris called her husband at work from her cellphone to

Kansas Police: Suspect in kidnapping knew infant's mother

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Texas woman suspected of faking a pregnancy for months and kidnapping a newborn was a longtime acquaintance of the girl's mother, who was found shot to death at her Kansas home, authorities said Monday.

Yesenia Sesmas, 34, of Dallas, was being held in a Dallas jail on a Kansas warrant, with first-degree murder and kidnapping charges pending. Authorities who are pursuing the charges are seeking to have her extradited back to Kansas. The baby was reunited with family members in Kansas

on Saturday.

The baby's mother, 27-year-old Laura Abarca-Nogueda, was found dead at her home Thursday, setting off a search for the missing baby, whose name has been spelled by police both as Sophia or Sofia. The infant was six days old when she was reported missing.

Sesmas had known the baby's mother for years and had spent some time in Wichita before returning to Texas to live several months ago, Wichita police Lt. Todd Ojile said. She traveled to Wichita to kidnap the baby, he added.

The FBI joined in the investigation with 25 agents working on the case, Ojile said. Late Friday night investigators identified a suspect in the case, leading them to a house in Dallas where the baby was found unharmed after a swat team executed a search warrant at 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

The baby was inside the home along with Sesmas. Also living there were Sesmas' boyfriend along with the suspect's son and niece.

Police do not believe the others in the home were aware of the woman's plans, Ojile said. □

say the kidnapper was demanding money, they said. The FBI joined local police in contacting the suspect and negotiating for several hours before agreeing

to meet up in rural Franklin County that night to pay the ransom.

Shortly afterward, a SWAT team arrested Wiltse near the tiny community of Elto-

pia. She was driving a rental car with California plates. Wiltse was booked on suspicion of kidnapping. It was not immediately clear if she had obtained a lawyer. □

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American Living: Trump's vow to bring back coal gives hope to weary regions

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WILLIAMSON, W.Va. (AP)

The hard-eyed view along the Tug Fork River in West Virginia coal country is that President-elect Donald Trump has something to prove: that he'll help bring back Appalachian mining, as he promised time and again on the campaign trail. Nobody thinks he can revive it entirely — not economists, not ex-miners, not even those recently called back to work.

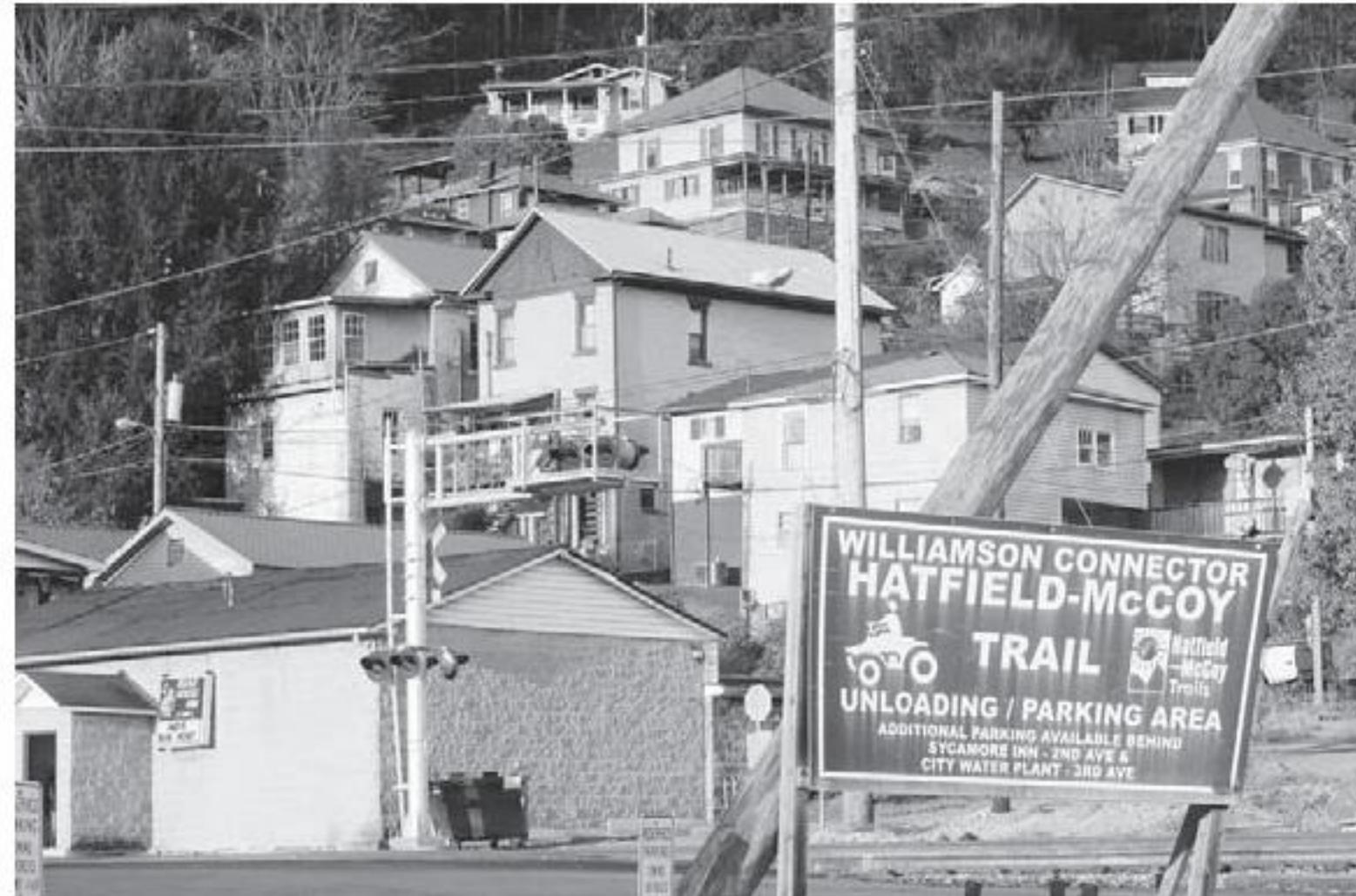
But for the first time in years, coal towns are seeing a commodity that had grown scarcer than the coal trains that used to rumble through around the clock: hope.

Around here that hope is measured. Still, most voters saw Trump as the only choice for president. He vowed to undo looming federal rules and said President Barack Obama had been "ridiculous" to the industry. Trump told miners in Charleston: "We're going to take care of years of horrible abuse. I guarantee it." West Virginians went all in, backing Trump and electing a coal mine-owning billionaire, Democrat Jim Justice, as governor.

But a lot of people had gone under already.

"Lost my home, vehicle, everything," said Roger Prater. Wearing the miner's tell-tale blue pants with reflective strips on the legs, Prater would be heading underground that night. He'd been laid off for 20 months but now benefits from a small hiring surge that started before the election.

At 31, Prater said he can get everything back, but he's uncertain for how long. "In Trump's term, I feel we'll



A Hatfield-McCoy Trail sign along a railroad track in Williamson, W.Va. The hard-eyed view along the Tug Fork River in coal country is that Donald Trump has to prove he'll help Appalachian mining like he promised.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

do good, but after that who's to say?" he said.

That skepticism is supported by industry analysts, who say any recovery won't be centered in the eastern coalfields of Kentucky and West Virginia and will never bring U.S. coal back to what it once was.

Last year, the nation had about 66,000 coal mining jobs — the lowest since the U.S. Energy Information Administration began counting in 1978. That's down 20,000 since a high point in 2008, and preliminary data show 10,000 more lost this year. Mines out west stand to gain the most under Trump because of the huge reserves beneath public lands in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and Utah. At the Wolf Mountain Coal company near Decker, Montana, superintendent Dave Bettcher said he's been praying Trump can do just that.

Wolf Mountain gets coal from the nearby Spring Creek strip mine, where operator Cloud Peak Energy has cut workforce and production. Wolf Mountain's 20 workers still have jobs, but Bettcher said eight years of anti-coal leadership in Washington have left the industry in peril.

"I believe in the guy," Bettcher said of Trump as a conveyor belt dumped coal into a truck bound for North Dakota. "If he can hold up his end, he's going to help a lot of people."

In January, the Obama administration — prompted in part by concerns about climate change — imposed a moratorium on new lease sales pending a three-year review of the federal coal program. Trump has vowed to rescind the moratorium, which could open huge coal reserves.

Burning them would unleash an estimated 3.4 bil-

lion tons of carbon dioxide — equivalent to a year's worth of emissions from 700 million cars, according to Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

But Trump has promised, too, to roll back Obama's Clean Power Plan, emissions restrictions that would make it more expensive for utilities to use the fuel.

Such proposals would "level the playing field for coal," allowing it to better compete with natural gas and renewable energies, said coal analyst Andy Roberts with the firm Wood Mackenzie.

Yet industry executives expect that pressure to reduce carbon dioxide emissions will continue. "It can't just be, 'We're going to get rid of these regulations, and you guys can party until the next administration comes,'" Cloud Peak Energy Vice President Richard Reavey said. "There are se-

rious global concerns about climate emissions. We have to recognize that's a political reality and work within that framework."

Owners of more than 200 coal plants, almost half the nation's total, plan to retire the facilities by 2025, said Mary Ann Hitt, director of the Sierra Club's anti-coal campaign. That trend is unlikely to be reversed, she said, with wind and solar power becoming more cost effective and natural gas offering a cheap alternative. But Hitt said environmentalists would be naive to think they've won.

"The coal industry is going to have friends in high places," she said.

In West Virginia, Justice reopened four of his mines this month, saying they'll provide 375 jobs, before being elected governor. They produce metallurgical coal for making steel; its price has risen sharply with lower Chinese production. Justice acknowledged during campaigning that the coal business is tough — mining jobs in the state fell to about 15,000 last year, with 7,000 gone since 2008 — but said he believes it will help power the U.S. economy and West Virginia's future. "You're going to see more miners go back to work in West Virginia to some level," he said. On Saturday, Justice said he and Trump talked for 15 minutes about efforts to put miners back to work.

He didn't disclose specifics. For now, Williamson resembles the small Rust Belt cities of the North after factories closed, leaving empty storefronts and sidewalks. His father made a good living as a miner and raised three kids. □

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O'Hare workers plan strike on nationwide 'Day of Disruption'

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A strike by hourly workers at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago will add another dimension to a nationwide day of protests by fast-food employees who have been pushing for a \$15 hourly wage and union rights, organizers said Monday. Thousands of workers plan to walk off the job at McDonald's restaurants and other fast-food spots in more than 340 cities on Nov. 29, organizers said in a news release. The planned "Day of Disruption" will mark the fourth anniversary of the first protests at McDonald's restaurants in New York.

The attention-grabbing airport strike is "going to cause complete disruption in travel plans for the day and maybe days to come," said Kendall Fells, national organizing director of the Fight for \$15 campaign. "Four decades ago, airport jobs were jobs you could live off of. Now airport jobs are just like fast-food jobs. We're all standing together."

The Service Employees International Union announced Monday that hundreds of workers will strike that day at O'Hare, one of the nation's busiest airports. The union has helped fund and staff the Fight for \$15 campaign. O'Hare is the only airport where workers plan to strike, though organizers are planning protests at airports in 18 other cities, including Boston, Washington, D.C., Denver, Atlanta, Seattle and Los Angeles.

About 500 O'Hare workers committed to a strike after a vote last week. They are trying to organize with SEIU Local 1's help. They work for private contractors at the airport and include baggage handlers, cabin cleaners, janitors and wheelchair attendants. Organizers said it will be up to workers to decide whether the strike will last longer than one day.

The Chicago Department of Aviation said it doesn't anticipate any disruption in service.

Some holiday travelers are nervous, however. Kim Maguire, 40, of Crystal Lake, was at O'Hare on Monday with her 3-year-old daughter and husband as they headed out for a holiday trip to see relatives in Seattle, with a return flight scheduled on the strike date.

"I don't want it to impact our travel plans," Maguire said. "Especially traveling with a 3-year-old, delays would be difficult."

Julio Godoy, 54, an O'Hare airplane cabin cleaner who makes \$10.50 an hour, said he plans to take part in the strike. He said he knows co-workers who have been stuck by the needles of syringes left in seat-back pockets and who then needed to be tested for HIV and hepatitis. He said he's also concerned about being asked to check planes for weapons and explosives without training.

There had been concern that the strike would fall during the busiest travel days. □



Interior Secretary Sally Jewell testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. U.S. officials are blocking new mining claims outside Yellowstone National Park.

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APNewsBreak: US moves to block mining near Yellowstone

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Associated Press

PRAY, Mont. (AP) — U.S. officials on Monday blocked new mining claims outside Yellowstone National Park as the Obama administration races in its last days to keep industry out of natural and environmentally sensitive areas. Mining claims on more than 30,000 acres north of the nation's first national park will be prohibited for at least two years while a long-term ban is considered, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said during a visit to Montana's scenic Paradise Valley.

Interior officials last week blocked new oil drilling in the Arctic Ocean and cancelled 25 oil and gas leases in western Colorado and 15 in northwestern Montana. Republicans and industry representatives have criticized the administration's eleventh-hour actions to

limit development and promised to seek their reversal once Obama leaves office.

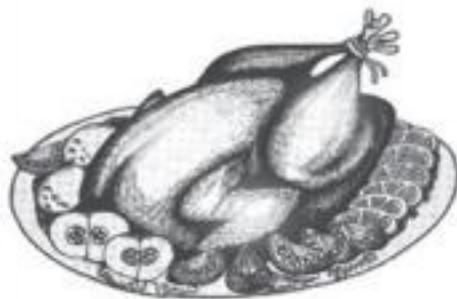
The latest move came after a pair of gold exploration proposals north of Yellowstone drew strong opposition from 1 business owners, environmentalists and Montana elected officials. Jewell hiked a rocky trail near one of the mining sites, beneath the snow-capped peaks of the Absaroka Mountains. She said she hoped the temporary ban would discourage the projects' sponsors and shield Yellowstone and surrounding areas from development. However, Jewell and other government officials said it could make large-scale mining more difficult if the projects were expanded onto public lands.

"This is right on the doorstep of Yellowstone Na-

tional Park, one of the most amazing places in the world," Jewell said. "It needs to be part of a larger ecosystem and this forest is part of that ecosystem. Mining will damage that. It will damage the ability of the animals to migrate. It will impact potentially the watershed. It could impact the geothermal features." Recreation and other activities still will be allowed in the area.

A Canadian company, Lucky Minerals, has applied to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to explore for gold and other minerals north of Yellowstone near Emigrant, Montana. Another company, Spokane, Washington-based Crevic Mining Group, is seeking permission to explore for gold near Jardine, just over Yellowstone's northern boundary. □

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Iraqi troops search for suicide car bombs in east Mosul

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Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi troops fighting Islamic State militants in the eastern out-

lier in the day, firing from a U.S.-made tank on the approaching vehicles, which exploded before hitting their intended targets.

ent directions, and the U.S.-led coalition is providing airstrikes and other support. But Monday's pause and the continuing danger to

Western backers to use overwhelming firepower — in order to avoid civilian casualties — have led to the slow pace of the battle to retake Mosul. More than a month since the operations started, the special forces remain some 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from Mosul's city center. Meanwhile, Mosul residents reached by telephone inside the city and two special forces' officers said an airstrike on Monday by the U.S.-led coalition destroyed a major bridge over the Tigris in the southern part of the city.

It's the third of the city's five bridges on the Tigris to be targeted by the coalition. One was hit shortly before the offensive to retake Mosul began and the other soon after it started.

Targeting the bridges appears designed to limit the IS capacity to reinforce or resupply fighters on the east bank of the Tigris where most of the fighting is taking place. The Iraqi military is known to have received U.S.-made pontoon bridges designed for use in combat.

The residents spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they feared reprisals by the IS. The two officers insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. In Baghdad, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi made an impassioned call for unity in an address to the nation Monday. □



A woman fires to the air at a Popular Mobilization Units base south of Mosul, Iraq. Iraqi troops on Sunday fortified their positions in Mosul neighborhoods retaken from the Islamic State group as their advance toward the city center was slowed by sniper fire and suicide bombings, as well as concern over the safety of civilians.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

skirts of Mosul regrouped on Monday in neighborhoods they recently retook from the extremist group, conducting house-to-house searches and looking for would-be suicide car bombs, a top Iraqi commander said.

Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the Iraqi military's special forces told The Associated Press that his men also foiled two attempted suicide car bombings ear-

A civilian woman was wounded in the blasts, the commander said.

The Iraqi military launched a campaign on Oct. 17 to retake Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the extremist group's last major urban bastion in the country. Most gains have been made by the special forces operating in the part of the city east of the Tigris River. Other forces are advancing on the city from differ-

troops posed by suicide car bombs and sniper fire underline the difficulty of the campaign — even in eastern Mosul where Iraq's most combat-seasoned troops are operating. Weighing heavily on their battle plans is the safety of some 1 million civilians still residing in Mosul, a sprawling city cut in half by the Tigris. The resilience of the IS fighters and the reluctance of the Iraqi military and its

France: 7 arrested in anti-terror raids, attack thwarted

ANGELA CHARLTON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) French anti-terrorism police have arrested seven men in Strasbourg and Marseille who had links to Syria and had been plotting an attack on France for several months, the interior minister said Monday. A series of arrests in June and this past Sunday put an end to the plot and "allowed us to thwart a terrorist act that had been envisaged for a long time on our soil," Bernard Cazeneuve told reporters in Paris. France remains under a state of emergency imposed after deadly Islamic

State attacks on Paris last year.

The suspects are believed to have initially wanted to target the Euro 2016 European soccer tournament earlier this year but later focused on another target, possibly in Paris or Marseille, according to a security official. The official was not authorized to be publicly named speaking about ongoing investigations.

The June arrests involved people behind financing the alleged attack plot, while the Sunday arrests targeted the operational team and both groups were under orders from

unidentified commanders in Syria, the official said. Weapons were also seized in Sunday's arrests, the official said.

Cazeneuve said investigators are studying whether the thwarted attack was part of a larger plot to attack multiple sites simultaneously.

Five of the suspects are French, one is Moroccan and the other Afghan, and they are between 29 and 37 years old, the security official said. Cazeneuve said six of them hadn't been known to intelligence services.

The Moroccan had ap-

parently been living in Portugal. Portuguese police said Monday that they had flagged a 26-year-old Moroccan residing in Avelro in northern Portugal to other European authorities, warning that he was part of a terrorist group. In statement, the police said they had been watching him since 2015, and he was arrested by French police over the weekend.

One of the suspects worked for the Strasbourg city government on special events, Strasbourg metropolitan area president Robert Herrmann said, according to his office. □

Longtime No. 2 beats Sarkozy in French conservative primary

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PARIS (AP) — It was as if Robin suddenly trounced Batman: The longtime No. 2 of French conservative politics, the low-key François Fillon, unexpectedly beat his world-famous former boss Nicolas Sarkozy in a presidential primary.

It was a huge blow to Sarkozy but not to the country's likely shift to the right, since Fillon shares Sarkozy's hard-line stance on immigration and security.

In the first round of the conservative primary Sunday, Fillon won 44.1 percent of the votes, former Prime Minister Alain Juppe 28.6 percent and Sarkozy 20.6 percent, according to results from 95 percent of the polls, published on Monday.

Fillon is now seen as the front-runner heading into the runoff against Juppe Nov. 27. In next year's presidential election, the conservative nominee's toughest competition is likely to come from far-right leader Marine Le Pen, who is hoping to be swept into power on a wave of populism.

Fillon could prove a tough rival to Le Pen, since his traditional conservatism appeals to some of her voter base.

So how did Fillon, credited

with barely 15 percent support 10 days before the primary, turn the tables? Some of it came down to style. Sarkozy's authoritarian and abrasive personality irritated some in his own camp, and many voters saw the primary as a referendum on the former president.

In contrast, Fillon — who was prime minister under Sarkozy for five years — has cultivated an austere, classic style, banking on family and Catholic values.

"I defend values and I'm not going to excuse myself for defending values," Fillon said in an interview Monday night on TF1 TV. "I defend the family. I defend the authority of the state. I defend the love of my country."

"And maybe that seems square on a TV show, but I assure you that in the hearts of the French it's not square at all."

Jean-Daniel Levy of Harris Interactive polling institute said Fillon "appears to be calm, soft-spoken, with quite an international stature and an extremely clear language" especially on economic issues. This clearly speaks to conservative voters, Catholics and elderly people, he said.

Fillon especially attracted votes from those who took



François Fillon, center, arrives with his bodyguard at his campaign headquarters in Paris, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016. Former Prime Ministers Fillon and Alain Juppe will meet in a runoff next Sunday for the nomination to be France's conservative candidate for president.

(AP Photo/François Mori)

the streets in 2013 to protest against a law legalizing gay marriage. Fillon pledges to ban same-sex couples from adopting.

He's also in line with Europe's concerns about immigration, and pledges to hold a referendum on a quota system to reduce the number of legal immi-

grants by half.

Like Sarkozy, Fillon is in favor of a national law banning burkini swimwear on France's beaches.

In September, Fillon published a small book — "Defeat Islamic Totalitarianism" — in which he vowed to fight Islamic extremism to avoid a "third world war."

He's also widely considered pro-Russian, an approach he suggests is based on pragmatism.

He noted in the TV interview that Russia is the world's biggest country and said, "We are pushing it toward Asia in a totally stupid way when it is in no way a threat to our security." □

Russian military deploying new missiles to the Baltic Sea region

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian military has deployed state-of-the art anti-ship missiles in the nation's westernmost Baltic region, the Interfax news agency reported Monday, a move that comes amid spiraling tensions in Russia-West ties. Interfax said Monday that the military has put Bastion missile-launchers on duty in the Kaliningrad enclave that borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania.

The Russian Defense Ministry said over the weekend that the Baltic Fleet was rearming itself with new missile-launchers, but didn't provide specifics. The ministry had no imme-

diate comment on the Interfax report.

The Bastion fires supersonic Oniks cruise missiles, which have a range of up to 450 kilometers (280 miles) and can be used against ships as well as ground targets. Last week, it made its combat debut in Syria where the Russian military used it against militants.

Separately, Viktor Ozerov, the head of the defense affairs committee in the Russian parliament's upper house, told RIA Novosti news agency Monday that Russia would also deploy Iskander tactical ballistic missiles and S-400 air defense missile systems to Kaliningrad in response to the U.S. missile defense plans. □

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Testimony begins in corruption case against Brazil's Lula

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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Testimony began Monday in the first corruption trial to open against Brazil's former president, who faces charges in a wide-ranging investigation that has ensnared many of the country's political and business elite.

The broader investigation into a scheme of kickbacks

involving the state oil company Petrobras, construction companies and politicians has roiled Brazilian politics, surprising many for both the scale of the alleged corruption but also the determination of the judiciary to see it through. Arrests of high-level politicians or businessmen have seemed to come every week, a sea change in a

country where such crimes had long been met with impunity, said Sergio Praca, a political scientist at the Fundacao Getulio Vargas university in Rio de Janeiro. "There were a dozen times when it could have stopped, but it didn't," he said, noting that the ground was laid during a smaller corruption prosecution at the beginning of the

decade.

In the case before the court Monday, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who was president from 2003 to 2010, faces charges of corruption and money laundering for allegedly accepting more than a million dollars in bribes from construction company OAS, which has been targeted in the Petrobras investigation.

The case centers on ownership of and renovations to a penthouse apartment in a Brazilian coastal town that officially belongs to OAS, but prosecutors say is really owned by Silva.

On Monday, Judge Sergio Moro will hear testimony from a former senator and three businessmen. Others will testify throughout the week. □

Japanese PM Abe in Argentina, building trade ties

LUIS HENAO

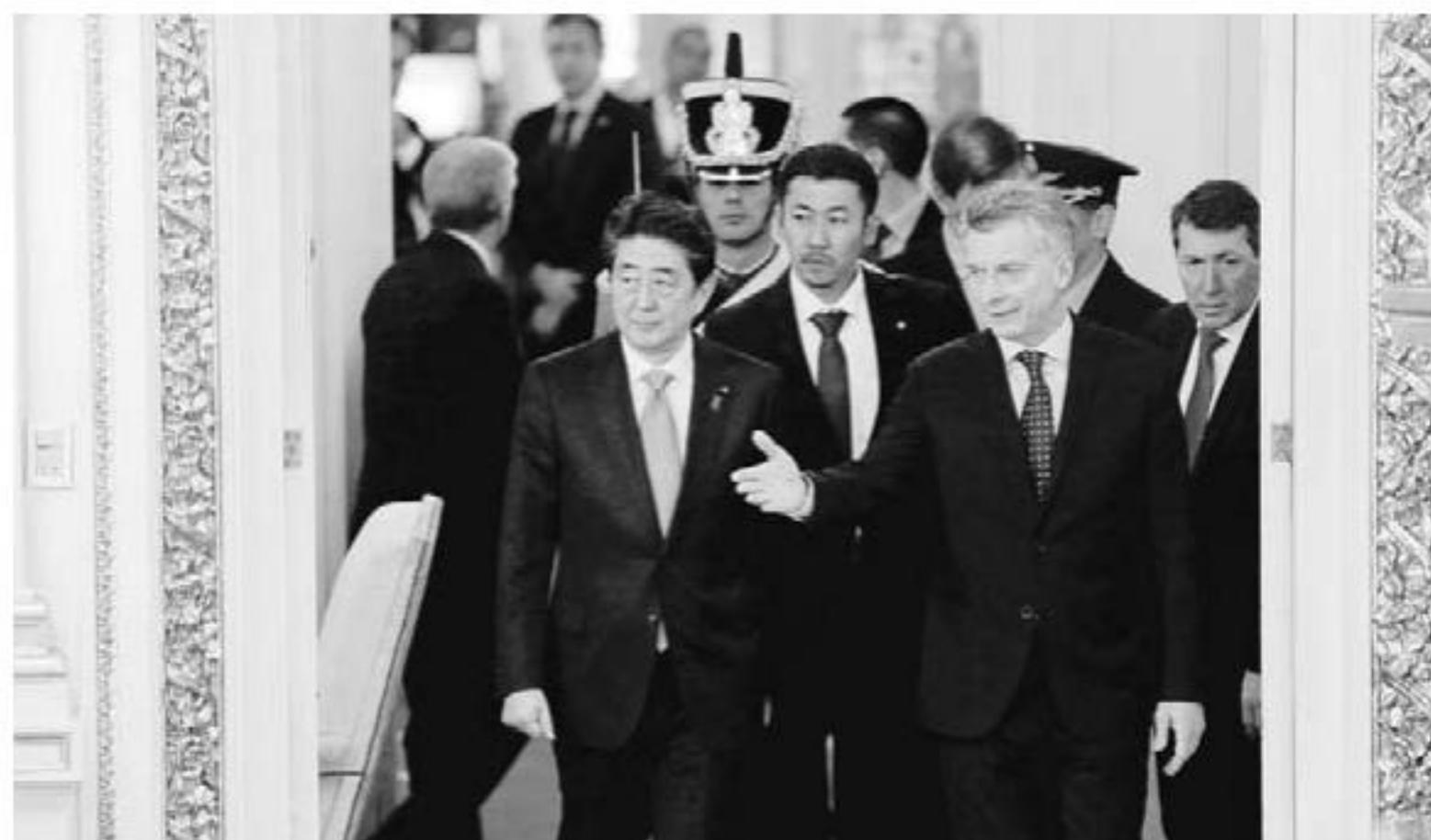
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met with Argentina's president on Monday as part of an official visit to boost trade ties between the two countries.

Abe met with President Mauricio Macri at the presidential palace in Buenos Aires and signed trade deals in the first visit by a Japanese premier to Argentina in 57 years. Abe was joined by business leaders and CEO's of major Japanese companies and banks, including Mitsubishi, The Bank of Tokyo and Toyota.

"From here on, through the joint public and private sectors, we will promote Japanese involvement in infrastructure and other sectors in Argentina," Abe said, praising the huge potential of South America's second-largest economy and Macri's efforts "to encourage free and open economic policies."

Business-friendly Macri has promised to revive Argentina's weak economy after 12 years of protectionist policies under his prede-



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, and Argentina's President Mauricio Macri arrive at the government house in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016. Abe is on an official visit to Argentina after attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru.

(AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

cessor. Since taking office in December, Macri has focused on attracting foreign investors, cutting government spending and ending economic distortions. But some industries are still struggling and Argentines continue to lose purchasing power to one of the world's highest inflation rates. Abe also said that he had discussed the importance of world peace and stability with Macri and agreed

with him on the "importance of solving conflicts peacefully."

"We've also exchanged opinions about the need to pressure North Korea more because the nuclear missile threat from that country has increased," Abe said. Abe has urged an expanded role for Japan's military so that it can respond to threats that include China's growing military assertiveness and North Korea's

nuclear ambitions, and he hopes to eventually rewrite the pacifist constitution. Many in Japan oppose such constitutional amendments.

Last week, Abe became the first world leader to meet with President-elect Donald Trump since his election.

The Japanese leader, who was seeking reassurances over the future of U.S.-Japan security and

trade relations, described the meeting as "really, really cordial," but he offered few details of their discussion.

There are growing concerns in Japan that Trump might follow up his campaign rhetoric and demand that Tokyo pay more for the 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan under a bilateral security treaty. Japan pays about \$2 billion a year, about half of the non-personnel costs of stationing the U.S. troops, while South Korea pays about \$860 million a year for about 28,000 American troops based there.

Japan's pacifist constitution, drafted under U.S. direction after World War II, forbids the use of force in settling international disputes, but the government has reinterpreted the constitution to allow Japanese troops to use force in some situations.

For the first time since World War II, Japanese peacekeepers arrived in South Sudan on Monday with a mandate allowing them to use force to protect civilians. □

Bodies of 9 decapitated men found dumped in Mexico

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Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — The decapitated bodies and heads of nine men have been found dumped on a roadside in the southern state of Guerrero, prosecutors said, bringing the number of bodies found over the weekend in the state to 14. Roberto Alvarez, the state

security spokesman, issued a statement Monday saying the nine bodies showed "visible signs of torture."

"This event shows that there is a strong battle between rival criminal groups who use extreme violence," Alvarez said, referring to two drug cartels that operate in the area.

Some of the bodies had been dumped with their

hands and feet bound, while others were hacked up and placed in plastic bags. They were found late Sunday near the town of Tixtla.

The area has been the scene of brutal drug cartel slayings, often as part of turf battles between the Ardillos and the Rojos gangs. The grisly discovery came just hours after the dis-

membered bodies of three other men were found in five plastic bags on a roadside near the town of Teloloapan, in another part of Guerrero state.

Alvarez said the three men had been reported kidnapped on Nov. 4 from a town near Teloloapan — an area known for opium poppy production that has been the scene of drug

gang conflict.

Also Sunday, two other bodies were found near the Pacific coast port city of Acapulco. One belonged to an off-duty member of the navy.

In late October, two off-duty military men in civilian clothing were abducted from a market, and their bodies were found later in the city. □

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Puerto Rico governor defies new federal control board



Rico Gov. Alejandro Javier Garcia Padilla testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Padilla is challenging a federal control board created to oversee the finances of the U.S. territory and help pull it out of an economic crisis, saying on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 new austerity measures would only worsen the crisis and insisting that the board restructure nearly \$70 billion in public debt that he has said is unpayable.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Puerto Rico's governor is already challenging a federal control board created just months ago to oversee the finances of the U.S. territory and help pull it out of an economic crisis.

In what could be a test of the board's powers, Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla announced Monday that he will not submit an amended fiscal plan — the board's first request of the island's governor. He said he believes that new austerity measures would only worsen the crisis and insisted that the board restructure nearly \$70 billion in public debt that he has said is unpayable.

"It's not right, and it's not necessary," he said of

austerity measures. "That would push us into an economic death spiral. It would mark a return to policies of depression."

Board members who met in Puerto Rico for the first time last week said the 10-year plan issued last month needs to be amended in part because it is not realistic and assumes federal financial help when none is likely. They requested that Garcia submit an amended plan by Dec. 15 so they could approve a final version by Jan. 31.

It was not immediately clear what happens now that the governor has rejected the board's request. A board spokesman said he was checking on whether board members would comment on Garcia's announcement.

Garcia steps down as governor on Jan. 1, but he has promised to reject any austerity measures while still in power.

"While I'm governor of Puerto Rico, I will oppose any ... measures such as laying off public employees, reducing the pensions of our retirees and leaving

the University of Puerto Rico unprotected," he said.

The board previously requested that some of Puerto Rico's most heavily indebted agencies submit their own fiscal plans, something that had never been required before. Government officials said at the board's meeting on Friday that the agencies, including Puerto Rico's utility companies, would submit their plans.

During that meeting, board member Jose Gonzalez said that Puerto Rico's government needs to set priorities.

"Not everything is an essential service," he said. "It's an incredibly delicate balance between fiscal adjustment and economic growth ... We'll try to get the balance right."

The board had requested the opinion of U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew on the territory's fiscal plan.

He said in a letter prior to Friday's meeting that parts of the plan lacked detail and clarity and that it was missing a required formal debt sustainability analysis. Lew also said that a credible debt restructuring is needed and that the government should not rely solely on austerity measures.

"As we have emphasized from the beginning of Puerto Rico's crisis, austerity alone is a self-defeating remedy," he wrote.

Puerto Rico has been in a decade-long economic slump, and Garcia's administration has taken measures such as increasing utility rates and imposing new taxes to help gen-

erate more revenue. Despite those measures, the island has already defaulted on nearly \$1.4 billion worth of bond payments since August 2015, and it owes some \$1.5 billion to government suppliers as it continues to delay vendor payments amid a crisis that has prompted more than 250,000 people to flee the island for the U.S. mainland in recent years.

Garcia has warned that the government will run out of money by February if a debt moratorium that expires that month is not extended.

The moratorium has so far shielded Puerto Rico from numerous lawsuits filed by angry creditors seeking to recuperate the money they invested in Puerto Rico bonds. □

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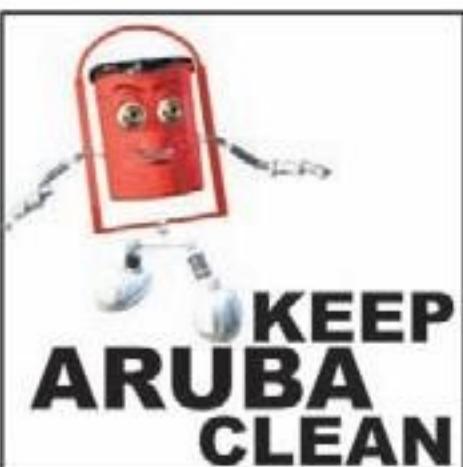
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Haiti's presidential redo goes well; long vote count begins



Electoral workers count election ballots by candle light in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Haiti's repeatedly derailed presidential election got underway more than a year after an initial vote was annulled.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti's repeatedly derailed presidential election finally went off relatively smoothly Sunday as the troubled nation tries to get its shaky democracy on a firmer foundation after nearly a year of being led by a provisional government.

Polls closed late in the afternoon, and election workers set to work on an archaic and time-consuming pro-

cess of counting paper ballots in front of political party monitors.

The schools serving as voting centers where they gathered were lit by lanterns, candles and flashlights.

No official results were expected to be issued for eight days, and Provisional Electoral Council executive director Uder Antoine has said it might take longer than that.

Voter turnout appeared paltry in much of south-

western Haiti, which was ravaged by Hurricane Matthew last month and was drenched by rain Sunday. But in the crowded capital of Port-au-Prince and other areas, voters formed orderly lines and patiently waited to cast ballots even as some polling centers opened after the 6 a.m. scheduled start.

"This is my responsibility as a citizen," said Alain Joseph, a motorcycle taxi driver and father of four who wore a bright pink sweat-

shirt to show his loyalty to the Tet Kale party of former President Michel Martelly. Pink is the faction's color. Across the country of over 10 million people, there were 43 arrests for various charges such as illegal gun possession and assault. Hours after voting ended, a major fire raged at a central market in the hillside Petionville district above Port-au-Prince but the cause wasn't immediately clear.

Leopold Berlanger, president of the electoral council, told reporters that authorities were satisfied with how the day progressed even though balloting could not take place in two isolated districts. He said officials would examine complaints by people who couldn't find their names on voter lists.

In Cite Soleil, a volatile slum on the edge of Port-au-Prince where voting sometimes has slid into chaos, balloting was so brisk and orderly that even some poll workers were stunned. "I have to admit, I'm a little surprised just how smoothly things are going," said Vanessa Similien, an electoral office worker who was monitoring voting at a school in the desperately poor district.

The Caribbean nation's roughly 6 million registered voters did not lack for choice: 27 presidential candidates were on the ballot. The top two finishers will meet in a Jan. 29 runoff unless one candidate managed to win more than 50 percent of the votes or got the most votes while leading the nearest competitor by 25 percentage points.

The balloting will also complete Parliament as voters pick a third of the Senate and the 25 remaining members of the Chamber of Deputies.

Helene Olivier, 72, said she was inspired to vote for the first time in her life in hopes a woman could tame Haiti's fractious politics. She said Fanmi Lavals candidate Maryse Narcisse, one of two female presidential contenders, would improve the nation because of her gender.

Results of an October 2015 vote were annulled earlier this year after a special commission reported finding what appeared to be significant fraud and misconduct.

Haiti has had an anemic caretaker government for nearly a year, and the new president will face a slew of challenges.

With the depreciation of the currency, the gourde, the cost of living has risen sharply. Haiti is deeply in debt and public coffers are largely depleted. The southwest is in shambles from last month's Hurricane Matthew and parts of the north have been battered by recent floods.

In Bel Air, a rough hillside neighborhood of shacks in downtown Port-au-Prince, a group of men playing dominoes said their biggest hope from a new administration was simply regular garbage collection. □

Asia-Pacific summit closes with call to work for free trade

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Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Leaders of 21 Asia-Pacific nations ended their annual summit Sunday with a call to resist protectionism amid signs of increased free-trade skepticism, highlighted by the victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election.

The Asia Pacific Economic

Cooperation forum also closed with a joint pledge to work toward a sweeping new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to "sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth," despite the political climate.

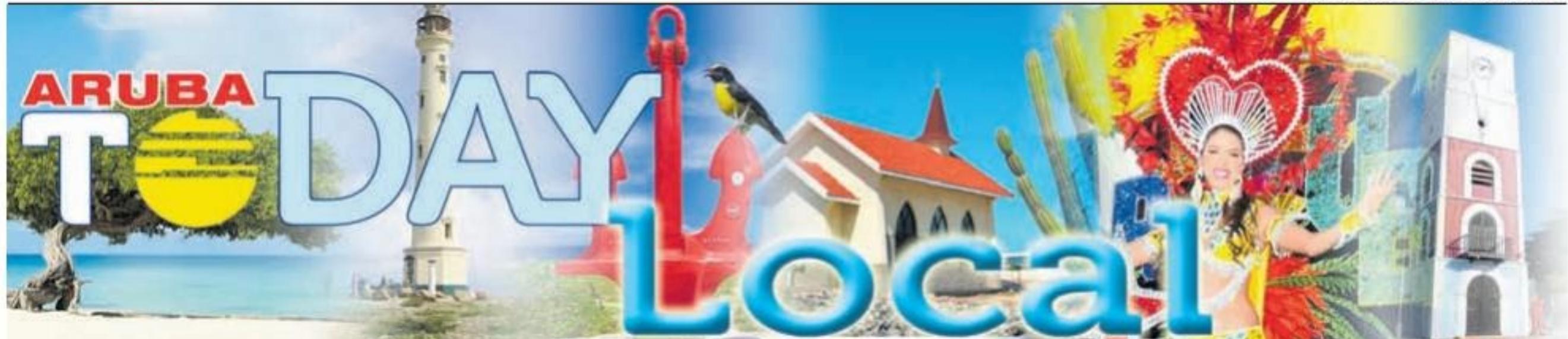
"We reaffirm our commitment to keep our markets open and to fight against all forms of protectionism," the leaders of the APEC

nations said in a joint statement.

APEC noted the "rising skepticism over trade" amid an uneven recovery since the financial crisis and said that "the benefits of trade and open markets need to be communicated to the wider public more effectively, emphasizing how trade promotes innovation, employment and higher living standards."

Speaking to journalists at the conclusion of the summit, Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the main obstacle to free trade agreements in Asia and around the world is the frustration felt by those left behind by globalization.

"Protectionism in reality is a reflection of tough economic conditions," said Kuczynski, the meeting's host. □



Holiday Season Is Officially Here With Paseo Herencia's Gala Tree Lighting

PALM BEACH - Over the past seven years, what has truly come to mark the commencement of seasonal cheer on Aruba for many islanders is the festive tree lighting event at Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach. Always a jolly affair, it was again livened up this year by being broadcast live during the popular local TV show "E Regalo," starring noted island media personality Ruben Garcia.

On Saturday evening, November 19, the beloved



assured of more excellent, holiday themed special events, including attractive discounts on shopping and dining from the mall's more



holiday tradition of regional gaita bands performing was diligently observed by guest singers Las Unicas. More popular international Christmas tunes were delivered by vocal group Provoke, to the pleasure of all the audience. The amphitheater in the central Plaza Padu was packed to the rafters with a mix of vacationers and residents, who appreciated the delightful medley of classic holiday songs. The central plaza of Paseo Herencia is luxuriously festooned with a diverse variety of seasonal lighting, aside from the two giant trees that adorn the stage. A coordinated effort by General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho and Marketing Manager

Candy Rasmijn set them all right, to the gasps of wonder of the many children in the audience. Mall patrons were also treated to a visit from Santa Claus as well. Over these next weeks until Christmas, families can be

than 30 shops and eight eateries. Holiday time is here, and Paseo Herencia provides entertainment and options for great family evenings that make gift shopping a delight and fun for all ages. □



At the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino: Global Month of Service Celebrated During the Month of October



PALM BEACH – The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino staff and management came together to celebrate its passion and commitment to hospitality, locally and globally, during the month of October. The resort opted to participate in various projects and events, as a way of giving back to the community, and staying in touch



with those of lesser means. A group of dedicated team members volunteered on a beautiful Saturday morning, to clean up the beach at Grapefield, San Nicolas, a popular kite surfing destination.

Also during the month, team members generously donated food and goods, destined to Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad Aruba, which supports families in need. To conclude the month's activities, team

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Considerable amounts of trash and marine debris were removed from the beach and its surroundings.

A group of team members also joined the annual pink-walk organized by the Mary Joan Breast Cancer foundation and showed their support to all those fighting the disease, expressing solidarity and compassion.

members purchased gifts that will be presented to the residents of Imelda Hof, Children's home, as special surprises, on Thanksgiving Day. The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino's month of service helped raise awareness among team members and maintain a close collaboration with the island's NGOs, shouldering social and charity projects. □



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The honorees were Mr. Si and Mrs. Peggy Basham.

Si and Peggy are regular guests of the Divi Tamarijn and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, the beaches and the restaurants. They say Aruba feels like a second home, the people are like a family to them, and the Divi Tamarijn is truly their vacation 'home-away-from-home.'

The certificates were presented by Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with family and friends Leo and Ella Tromp, Family Tito Tromp, Walter and Olga Wong and Francis of the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort. □



Loyal Guests Joe and Jo-Ann Parrillo Honored by ATA



ORANJESTAD - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Ambassadors of Goodwill at Royal Jewels & Diamonds at Royal Plaza.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jo-Ann Parrillo from Chicago, Illinois.

Joe and Jo-Ann are very good friends of Mr. Rajesh and Mrs. Sammi Lalwani from the Royal Jewels & Diamonds and they love Aruba for the weather, the beaches, the casinos, the safety and the great restaurants.

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The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel repre-

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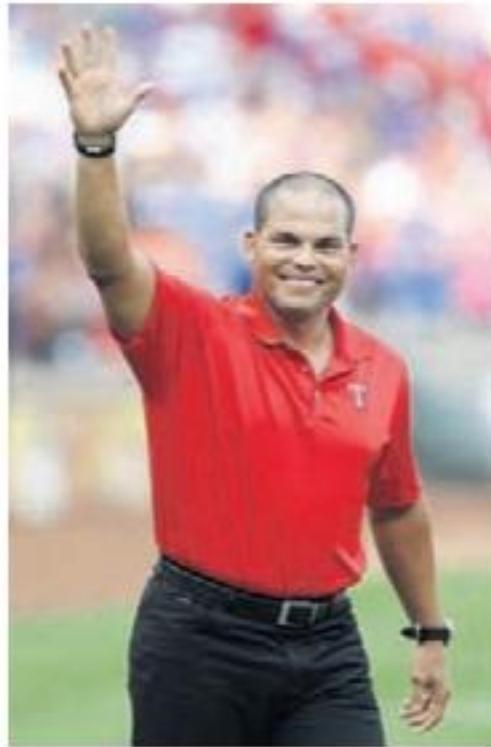
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In this July 20, 2013, file photo, former Texas Rangers baseball player Ivan Rodriguez waves as he takes the field for his induction into the Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Tainted Ramirez, Rodriguez on Hall ballot with Guerrero

NEW YORK (AP) — Steroids-tainted stars Manny Ramirez and Ivan Rodriguez are on baseball's Hall of Fame ballot for the first time along with Vladimir Guerrero.

Jeff Bagwell is the top holdover on the 2017 Baseball Writers' Association of America 34-player ballot announced Monday. He fell 15 votes short of the required 75 percent in 2016 voting.

Ramirez was suspended for 50 games in 2009 while with the Los Angeles Dodgers for using a banned female fertility drug. He retired in 2011 rather than face a 100-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

He applied for reinstatement that December, and his suspension for the second failed test was cut from 100 games to 50 because he sat out nearly all of the 2011 season.

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THE BOOT



U.S. soooocer fires Jurgen Klinsmann

In this June 7, 2016, file photo, United States manager Jurgen Klinsmann watches during a Copa America Centenario group A soccer match against Costa Rica at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Brett Cecil, Cardinals finalize \$30.5 million, 4-year deal

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Cardinals filled the biggest void in their bullpen Monday with Brett Cecil, the only left-handed reliever that piqued their interest on the free-agent market.

Cecil was introduced at Busch Stadium after finalizing a \$30.5 million, four-year contract. He is expected to provide help in high-leverage situations along with Kevin Siegrist and ahead of closer Seung Hwan Oh, though general manager John Mozeliak said all three are capable of finishing games.

"Brett was the one person we thought if we were going to make a splash in the bullpen, he was the one we identified," Mozeliak said. "There was a lot of demand for him and it was moving."

The four-year deal for the 30-year-old Cecil gained attention, but Mozeliak said he was comfortable with the length of the contract because of the interest he was generating.

"Our offseason plan has been to take steps to try to improve this club and certainly today we feel like we have," Mozeliak said. "I think it's a way we envision keeping a fresh bullpen." Shoring up the bullpen became one of the Cardinals' biggest needs



Newly signed left-handed relief pitcher Brett Cecil smiles during an introductory press conference at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

Associated Press

following injuries to Zach Duke and Tyler Lyons. Duke is expected to miss all of next season after Tommy John surgery, while Lyons has had offseason knee surgery that leaves him questionable for the start of the regular season.

Cecil had a 3.93 ERA in 36 2/3 innings for the Blue Jays last season. He was slowed by a torn lat muscle but dominated down the stretch, tossing 3 2/3 scoreless innings in the playoffs.

"The lat issue, it was kind of an accumulating thing," Cecil said. "We tried to rest, tried to let it heal. It wasn't

working. I was sidelined for six weeks. I almost had to start spring training over again in the middle of the season. It took me a little bit to get going, and there in August and toward the end of the season and in the playoffs, I was beginning to feel like my old self again." Cecil, who had a 2.90 ERA in four years as a full-time reliever in Toronto, was testing free agency for the first time. He said that he left most of the negotiations up to his agent, but he was happy that a deal got done relatively early in the process.

"I honestly didn't know

when it was going to happen," he said. "I do like to get these types of things over and done with as quickly as possible. That way I can get my focus more toward the offseason, to come to spring training ready to go."

Under the deal negotiated by agents Sam and Seth Levinson, Cecil gets a \$1 million signing bonus, payable within 30 days of the deal's approval by Major League Baseball, and salaries of \$7.5 million in each of the next three seasons and \$7 million in 2020.

He also receives a full no-

trade provision and award bonuses.

Cecil said he doesn't know anybody on the current roster, which is still in need of an outfielder, but that the longtime American League pitcher is ready to take on the National League. "Absolutely.

This team is rich with baseball history," he said. "They have a rich winning tradition.

They always have good teams — good, winning teams.

And like I said, for my family and me, this is where we wanted to come. It was the best fit for us." □

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Ramirez did not play in the majors again, although he did appear at Triple-A from 2012-14. Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, also tainted by steroids allegations, are on the ballot for the fifth time. After a change on voting eligibility rules eliminated some retired writers, Clemens rose to 45.2 percent and Bonds to 44.3 percent in last year's voting. Players remain on the ballot for up to 10 years, provided they receive at least 5 percent of the vote. Results will be announced Jan. 18. Rodriguez was never disciplined for PEDs but former Texas teammate Jose Canseco alleged in a 2005 book that he injected the catcher with steroids. Asked whether he was on



In this May 3, 2007, file photo, Boston Red Sox' Manny Ramirez connects on a two-run home run against the Seattle Mariners during the fourth inning in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston.

the list of players who allegedly tested positive for steroids during baseball's

2003 survey, Rodriguez said in 2009: "Only God knows." A 12-time All-Star, Ramirez

helped the Boston Red Sox win World Series titles in 2004 and '07, the first for the franchise since 1918. He hit .312 with 555 home runs and 1,831 RBIs in 19 big league seasons, and he was voted MVP of the 2004 Series.

Rodriguez was a 14-time All-Star and 13-time Gold Glove catcher, and he was voted AL MVP in 2008 with Texas, his team for the first 12 of his 21 big league seasons.

He batted .296 with 311 homers and 1,332 RBIs, winning a World Series with the Florida Marlins in 2003 after earning MVP of the NL Championship Series.

Guerrero was a nine-time All-Star and the 2004 AL MVP with the Anaheim Angels. He hit .318 with 449 homers and 1,496 RBIs in 16

big league seasons. Also among 19 newcomers on the ballot are Casey Blake, Pat Burrell, Orlando Cabrera, Mike Cameron, J.D. Drew, Carlos Guillen, Derrek Lee, Melvin Mora, Magglio Ordonez, Jorge Posada, Edgar Renteria, Arthur Rhodes, Freddy Sanchez, Matt Stairs, Jason Varitek and Tim Wakefield.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza were elected last year, when Bagwell appeared on 315 of 440 ballots (71.6 percent).

Other holdovers include Tim Raines (69.8), Trevor Hoffman (67.3) and Curt Schilling (52.3) along with Edgar Martinez (43.4), Mike Mussina (43), Lee Smith (34.1), Fred McGriff (20.9), Jeff Kent (16.6), Larry Walker (15.5), Billy Wagner (10.5) and Sammy Sosa (7). □

Klinsmann fired as U.S. soccer coach; Arena could return

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurgen Klinsmann was fired as coach of the U.S. soccer team Monday, six days after a 4-0 loss at Costa Rica dropped the Americans to 0-2 in the final round of World Cup qualifying.

Los Angeles Galaxy coach Bruce Arena is the favorite to succeed Klinsmann, and his hiring could be announced as early as Tuesday. Arena coached the national team from 1998 to 2006.

Qualifying resumes when the U.S. hosts Honduras on March 24 and plays four days later at Panama.

"While we remain confident that we have quality players to help us advance to Russia 2018, the form and growth of the team up to this point left us convinced that we need to go in a different direction," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said in a statement. "With the next qualifying match in late March, we have several months to refocus the group and determine the best way forward to ensure a successful journey to qualify for our eighth consecutive World Cup."

A former German star forward who has lived mostly in Southern California since retiring as a player in 1998, Klinsmann replaced Bob Bradley in July 2011 and led the team to the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup title and the second round of the 2014 World Cup, where the Americans lost to Belgium in extra time.

The USSF announced in December 2013 a four-year contract extension through 2018, but the successful World Cup was followed by poor performances. The U.S. was knocked out by Jamaica in last year's Gold Cup semifinals and lost to Mexico in a playoff for a Confederations Cup berth. The team rebounded to reach this year's Copa America semifinals before losing to Argentina 4-0. But this month Mexico beat the Americans 2-1 at Columbus, Ohio, in the first home qualifying loss for the U.S. since 2001.

And last week, the Americans were routed in Costa Rica, their largest margin of defeat in qualifying since 1980. They dropped to 0-2 for the first time in the hexagonal, as the final round of World Cup qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean is known.

While there is time to recover, given the top three teams qualify for the 2018 tournament in Russia and the fourth-place finisher advances to a playoff against Asia's No. 5 team, players seemed confused by Klinsmann's tactics, such as a 3-4-1-2 formation used at the start against the Mexicans.

"Today we made the difficult decision of parting ways with Jurgen Klinsmann," Gulati said. "There were considerable achievements along the way ... but there were also lesser publicized efforts behind the scenes. He challenged everyone in the U.S. Soccer community to think about things in new ways, and thanks to his efforts we have grown as an organization and expect there will be benefits from his work for years to come." Klinsmann made controversial decisions, such as dropping Landon Donovan from the 2014 World Cup roster while taking along relatively inexperienced players such as John Brooks, Julian Green and DeAndre Yedlin. Brooks and Green were among five German-Americans on the 23-man U.S. World Cup roster, which drew criticism from some in the American soccer community.

He coached the team to a 55-27-16 record, including a U.S.-record 12-game winning streak and victories in exhibitions at Italy, Germany and the Netherlands. He has worked in the past year to integrate more young players into the lineup, such as teen midfield sensation Christian Pulisic, Bobby Wood and Jordan Morris.

Arena, a 65-year-old wise-cracking Brooklynite known for blunt talk, was inducted into the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2010.

He coached the University of Virginia from 1978-95, then coached D.C. United to titles in Major League Soccer's first two seasons before losing in the 1998 final. He was let go after the team's first-round elimination in 2006. Gulati unsuccessfully courted Klinsmann, who won the 1990 World Cup with West Germany and the 1996 European Championship with Germany, then coached his nation to the 2006 World Cup semifinals.

When Gulati and Klinsmann couldn't reach an agreement, the USSF hired Bradley, who coached the team to the second round of the 2010 World Cup. A year later, the Americans stumbled in the Gold Cup, and Klinsmann replaced Bradley.



In this Nov. 14, 2016, file photo, United States coach Jurgen Klinsmann answers questions during a press conference at the National Stadium, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

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Arena coached the New York Red Bulls of MLS from July 2006 to November 2007, then was hired the

following August by the Galaxy. He led the team to MLS titles in 2011, '12 and '14. □



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NBA Capsules

Pacers edge Thunder 115-111

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jeff Teague scored eight of his 30 points in overtime as the Indiana beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 115-111 on Sunday night for their first road victory of the season.

Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook had his fifth triple-double of the season — as many as the rest of the NBA combined — with 31 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds but went 13 of 34 from the field.

Teague matched his season scoring high and added nine assists and six steals. He hit two free throws with 4.6 seconds left in regulation to put the Pacers up three.

Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left to tie it for the Thunder and Glenn Robinson III missed a well-guarded 10-footer at the buzzer, forcing overtime. Teague's 3-pointer in the first minute of overtime put Indiana ahead for good. With 1:09 left, he converted a three-point play to make it 113-107 then hit two free throws with 19.1 seconds left for a 115-111 edge. Six Pacers scored in double figures and two of them had double-doubles — Robinson with 16 points and 11 rebounds and Thaddeus

Young with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Myles Turner just missed another with 15 points and nine rebounds. Enes Kanter added 16 points for the Thunder.

KNICKS 104, HAWKS 94

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmelo Anthony matched his season high with 31 points as New York beat Atlanta for its fourth straight home victory.

Kristaps Porzingis added 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 18 rebounds but point guard Dennis Schroder missed all eight shots as the Hawks dropped their second straight following a six-game winning streak.

Paul Millsap led Atlanta with 19 points and Kyle Korver scored 17.

New York guards Derrick Rose and Courtney Lee each had 14 points and Kyle O'Quinn, who replaced Joakim Noah, had eight points and eight rebounds.

TRAIL BLAZERS 129, NETS 109

NEW YORK (AP) — C.J. McCollum scored 33 points and Evan Turner had 19 as Portland beat Brooklyn.

Portland snapped a three-game losing streak and extended Brooklyn's skid to four.

Damian Lillard added 18 points for the Trail Blazers



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) and Indiana Pacers guard Jeff Teague (44) get tangled up after a play during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. Indiana won in overtime 115-111.

Associated Press

while Allen Crabbe had 14. Brook Lopez had 21 points for the Nets.

BULLS 118, LAKERS 110

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 40 points and Isaiah Canaan added a season-high 17 as Chicago beat Los Angeles for its fifth victory in six games.

Nikola Mirotic had 15 points and 15 rebounds and the Bulls held off Los Angeles' late rally for their third win in four stops on their annual circus road trip.

Rajon Rondo had four points, nine rebounds and 12 assists despite a sore left ankle. He hit a floater with 28.6 seconds left to secure the win after Los Angeles trimmed a 15-point lead to five.

Lou Williams scored a season-high 25 points and Larry Nance Jr. had a career-high 18 for the Lakers.

KINGS 102, RAPTORS 99

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Rudy Gay had 23 points and nine rebounds as the Sacramento beat Toronto after waiting out a video review to see if the Raptors had forced overtime on Terrence Ross' 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Ross grabbed a deflected pass, took two dribbles and made a 33-footer, but the officials ruled time had expired.

DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Kings, Darrin Collison had 15 points and nine assists and Aaron Afflalo had 14 points. The Kings

snapped a four-game losing streak and beat the Raptors for the second time this season. Kyle Lowry had 25 points and eight assists for the Raptors. NBA scoring leader DeMar DeRozan had a season-low 12 points.

NUGGETS 105, JAZZ 91

DENVER (AP) — Jusuf Nurkic had 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Denver Nuggets won a home game for the second time this season, beating Utah.

Rookie Jamal Murray had 16 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to help Denver improve to 2-4 at the Pepsi Center. Wilson Chandler added 17, and Danilo Gallinari had 13 points, five rebounds and eight assists. Gordon Hayward had 25 points for Utah. □

Fraternizing with the enemy? Some NBA coaches even set it up

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kristaps Porzingis came to the NBA from Europe as a 7-footer with 3-point range, so the comparisons to Dirk Nowitzki were inevitable.

Jeff Hornacek figured the best way for Porzingis to play like Nowitzki was to play with Nowitzki.

So the New York Knicks coach called Dallas coach Rick Carlisle in the offseason and asked if his veteran star would be open to working out with the second-year forward.



New York Knicks forward Kristaps Porzingis (6) goes to the basket against Atlanta Hawks forward Paul Millsap (4) and forward Kris Humphries (43) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Associated Press

Turns out, fraternizing with the enemy isn't only allowed, but some coaches even broker it.

"Most coaches, they want all the players in the league to do well," Hornacek said, "and so when you have a young player like that, if you have a veteran on your team and somebody calls you up and says, 'Hey, will this guy have him in his workouts,' a lot of these guys get together anyway so it's not that big a deal." Hornacek arranged similar tutoring when he was in Phoenix, getting big man

Alex Len to work with the Spurs' Tim Duncan.

Carlisle wouldn't say if he ever made a request, but didn't think it was uncommon.

"Hey, things like this, they're great stories in our game and it's one of the reasons we have such a great game and the NBA is a family," Carlisle said.

Nowitzki and Porzingis couldn't find time in their schedules, but may in the future. Perhaps Hornacek will even call again.

"Guys, especially the veteran guys, they like taking

young guys kind of under their wing, showing them some tricks and hopefully maybe someday we can get Dirk to work with KP," Hornacek said.

— HOWARD AND THE HAWKS Atlanta brought Dwight Howard in and let Al Horford leave and traded Jeff Teague so Dennis Schroder could start.

Most of the offseason focus was on how the Hawks changed, but for coach Mike Budenholzer, it's more about how they stayed the same. □

NFL kickers miss 12 attempts, most in Super Bowl era

The Associated Press

NFL kickers missed like never before Sunday, setting a record with 12 failed extra point attempts.

Kickers missed left, right, had kicks blocked and hit the uprights. Kickers missed in the wind and indoors. It's the most misses in one week since the NFL merger. The NFL moved extra-point attempts back before last season because the kicks had become routine and professionals almost never missed. The 20-yard attempt became a 33-yarder. In Week 13 of last season, kickers missed eight. That mark was eclipsed by mid-afternoon Sunday.

Cincinnati's Mike Nugent and Robbie Gould of the New York Giants each missed two extra-point attempts.

Chicago's Connor Barth, Minnesota's Kai Forbath, Jacksonville's Jason Myers, Cleveland's Cody Parkey and New England's

Stephen Gostkowski each missed one. Seattle's Steven Hauschka and Detroit's Matt Prater had kicks blocked.

At night, Dustin Hopkins of Washington clanged one off the upright, in windy conditions.

Barth and Gould also were kicking in gusty winds, in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Forbath, Myers and Prater all missed despite being indoors.

"It was much windier than it usually is," Giants long snapper Zak DeOssie said.

"It was a cross-wind from our bench to theirs, then it switched toward the end of the game diagonal from our tunnel to the opposite tunnel."

Forbath had just replaced the ineffective Blair Walsh as Minnesota's kicker this week.

In the early-afternoon games, Nugent's misses arguably had the biggest impact. The Bengals lost



Indianapolis Colts place kicker Adam Vinatieri (4) walks off the field after missing a field goal against the Tennessee Titans during the first half of an NFL football game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. BC-

Associated Press

16-12 to the Buffalo Bills and drove all the way to Buffalo's 27-yard line in the closing seconds. If Nugent

hadn't missed those two extra-point attempts, the Bengals could have attempted a winning field goal at the

end of the game rather than unsuccessfully trying to score a touchdown. □

Canadian rookie Mackenzie Hughes wins Sea Island playoff

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — Mackenzie Hughes figured he was down to his last chance to stay alive in a four-man playoff Monday morning in the RSM Classic. The Canadian rookie with pluck and a pure putting stroke poured in an 18-foot par putt from off the 17th green at Sea Island, and that last chance turned into his first PGA Tour victory when the other three players all missed from 10 feet or closer.

"I made the putt of my life right there," Hughes said. Hughes calmed his nerves and came up clutch in the 42-degree chill, becoming the first PGA Tour rookie in 20 years to go wire-to-wire for his first victory. The final day of a long year on the PGA Tour brought a most unlikely finish.

Hughes had a chance to end it Sunday night until his 10-foot birdie putt in the dark on the 18th hole

turned away. The next morning, he was the only player who was never on the green at the par-3 17th until his ball was in the cup. Blayne Barber, Henrik Norlander and Camilo Villegas narrowly missed their par putts to extend the playoff. Hughes was watching from off the green, and the prospect of winning became more real with each putt that missed — first Barber, then Norlander. And when Villegas missed his 7-footer, Hughes dropped his putter, turned his back on the green and knocked off his cap as he rubbed his head in disbelief.

"If I didn't make, I thought I was probably out," Hughes said. "Before I hit it, the thought was, 'Just make them think about it.' Put this putt in first, and if you can be the first guy in, put the pressure back on them. And that's what happened."

The victory sends the 25-year-old Canadian to

the Masters. One of his most vivid golf memories as a kid in Ontario was watching Mike Weir win the green jacket in 2003.

"He was texting me last night a little bit," Hughes said. "It's pretty cool to have a guy like that to lean on for advice."

Billy Horschel was eliminated from the five-man playoff on the first extra hole Sunday night when he narrowly missed a birdie putt, then shockingly missed a 2-foot putt. Hughes putts so well it was mildly surprising when he missed his 10-foot putt on the second playoff hole.

"It ate at me a little bit knowing that I had 10 feet to win it," he said. "But I came out here to try to clear my mind, tell myself that I have a one-in-four chance."

The odds looked worse when his 4-iron bounded over the green and down a steep slope. Making the pitch shot even more dif-



Mackenzie Hughes, of Canada, poses with the trophy after winning the playoff round at the RSM Classic golf tournament, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Associated Press

ficult is that the pin was 15 feet from the back edge, and the green ran quickly away from him. His pitch was a few feet from being perfect, but instead it stopped short of being on the green.

Norlander was in the front bunker, while Barber was left of the green and Villegas was just over the back. Barber and Villegas used putter for their second shots.

The last rookie to go wire-to-wire for his first win was Tim Herron at the 1996 Honda Classic. Hughes started

this week with a 61, and he led after every round until he was posing with tournament host Davis Love III with the trophy.

Hughes, who closed with a 69 and finished at 17-under 265, capped a memorable fall season.

He began his rookie season by playing the final two rounds with Phil Mickelson and tying for 13th at the Safeway Open.

Mickelson's caddie, Jim Mackay, said in a text message Saturday night, "I really like his moxie, he's got guts." □

NHL Capsules

Late goal has Blue Jackets streaking; win 3-2

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alexander Wennberg's last-minute power play goal gave the Columbus Blue Jackets their fourth straight win, 3-2 over the Washington Capitals on Sunday.

Washington's Nicklas Backstrom was called for high-sticking Nick Foligno with 1:34 remaining. Wennberg took a pass from Foligno and slammed it past Capitals goalie Braden Holtby. It was Wennberg's third goal of the season.

Alex Ovechkin's ninth goal of the season midway through the second period gave the Capitals a 2-1 lead, but the Blue Jackets tied it 14 seconds into the third period on Brandon Dubinsky's second goal of the season.

PANTHERS 3, RANGERS 2, SO

NEW YORK (AP) — Vincent Trocheck and Aleksander Barkov scored in the shootout to lift Florida over New York.

James Reimer made 33 saves and two more in the shootout after Keith Yandle and Aaron Ekblad scored



Florida Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) scores the game-winning goal past New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30) during a shootout of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, in New York. The Panthers won 3-2 in a shootout.

for Florida.

Henrik Lundqvist made 28 saves in his 700th start while Chris Kreider and Mika Zibanejad scored for New York.

KINGS 3, DUCKS 2
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Jeff Carter scored twice and got his 600th career point while Peter Budaj made 28 saves as Los

Angeles beat Anaheim. Carter assisted on Drew Doughty's score early in the second period and then added power-play goals 71 seconds apart to make it 3-0. The first goal got him to 600 points.

Antoine Vermette and Rickard Rakell scored for Anaheim while John Gibson made 26 saves.

FLAMES 3, RED WINGS 2
DETROIT (AP) — Mikael Backlund scored with 7:46 left in the third period to give Calgary victory over slumping Detroit. Garnet Hathaway got his first career goal and Matt Stajan also scored for Calgary. Flames defenseman Dougie Hamilton had three

assists and Chad Johnson stopped 21 shots.

Tomas Tatar and Anthony Mantha scored for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight. Jimmy Howard made 23 saves.

Backlund broke a 2-all tie when he slammed Michael Frolik's pass from the left circle past Howard and into the open side of the net. It was Backlund's second goal.

HURRICANES 3, JETS 1

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — Victor Rask got his eighth goal of the season and 19-year-old Noah Hanifin scored his first to help Carolina beat Winnipeg for its fourth straight win.

Elias Lindholm also got his first goal this season in the first period and the Hurricanes kept up the pressure from there, challenging goalie Connor Hellebuyck with 40 shots. Rask made it 2-0 on a power play early in the third, and after Mark Scheifele got his 11th goal for the Jets, Hanifin put it away with a power-play score with 1:43 left.

Cam Ward had 28 saves for Carolina. □

John Daly unretires, will pursue 2018 Olympic skeleton spot

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

John Daly was painstakingly close to an Olympic skeleton medal in 2014, and when it slipped out of reach in one disastrous moment he insisted that he would never compete again. He was wrong.

Daly has unretired, making the surprise announcement on Monday that he will pursue a spot on the team that will represent the U.S. at the 2018 PyeongChang Games. He's been secretly training in Lake Placid, New York, for the last few weekends — making 18-hour round-trip drives from Washington for what amounted to eight minutes of time going headfirst down the ice — and is expected to start competing on lower-level



In this Feb. 15, 2014, file photo, John Daly of the United States puts his head in his hands after a bad final run that dropped him out of medal contention during the men's skeleton competition at the 2014 Winter Olympics, in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Associated Press

circuits in January.

"I didn't have anything else that made me feel the way sliding did," Daly said.

"I have a great life. I'm not complaining. But nothing made me feel more alive than the Olympics."

So he's back, after trying in vain to convince himself that he didn't need to compete anymore.

Daly and U.S. teammate Matt Antoine were neck-and-neck in the race for the bronze medal at the Sochi Games in 2014. On Daly's fourth and final run of the two-day competition, his sled popped out of the starting groove at the top of the track — sending him into a nasty skid from which he could not recover. He wound up finishing 15th.

He officially retired a few weeks later and left the sport, getting a job in medical device sales in Washington and not looking back until earlier this year. "Couldn't go out like that," Daly said. "I owe this to myself and Team USA."

Before Daly can compete on the U.S. World Cup team again, he needs to race in five events on three tracks. He expects to satisfy those requirements by competing in Park City, Utah, St. Moritz, Switzerland and Lake Placid — which in theory would give him a chance to race in the world championships in Sochi or a World Cup race on the 2018 Olympic track in Korea before this season ends.

"The Olympics are something you've got to want to do," Daly said. "It's not like there's a big contract waiting for me. It's got to be the thing you want to do most. The fire inside me got put out real quick after Sochi and I went into a hole. I took off. I moved away. I did something else." □



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Why fingers make handy, if not foolproof, digital keys

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It sounds like a great idea: Forget passwords, and instead lock your phone or computer with your fingerprint. It's a convenient form of security — though it's also perhaps not as safe as you'd think.

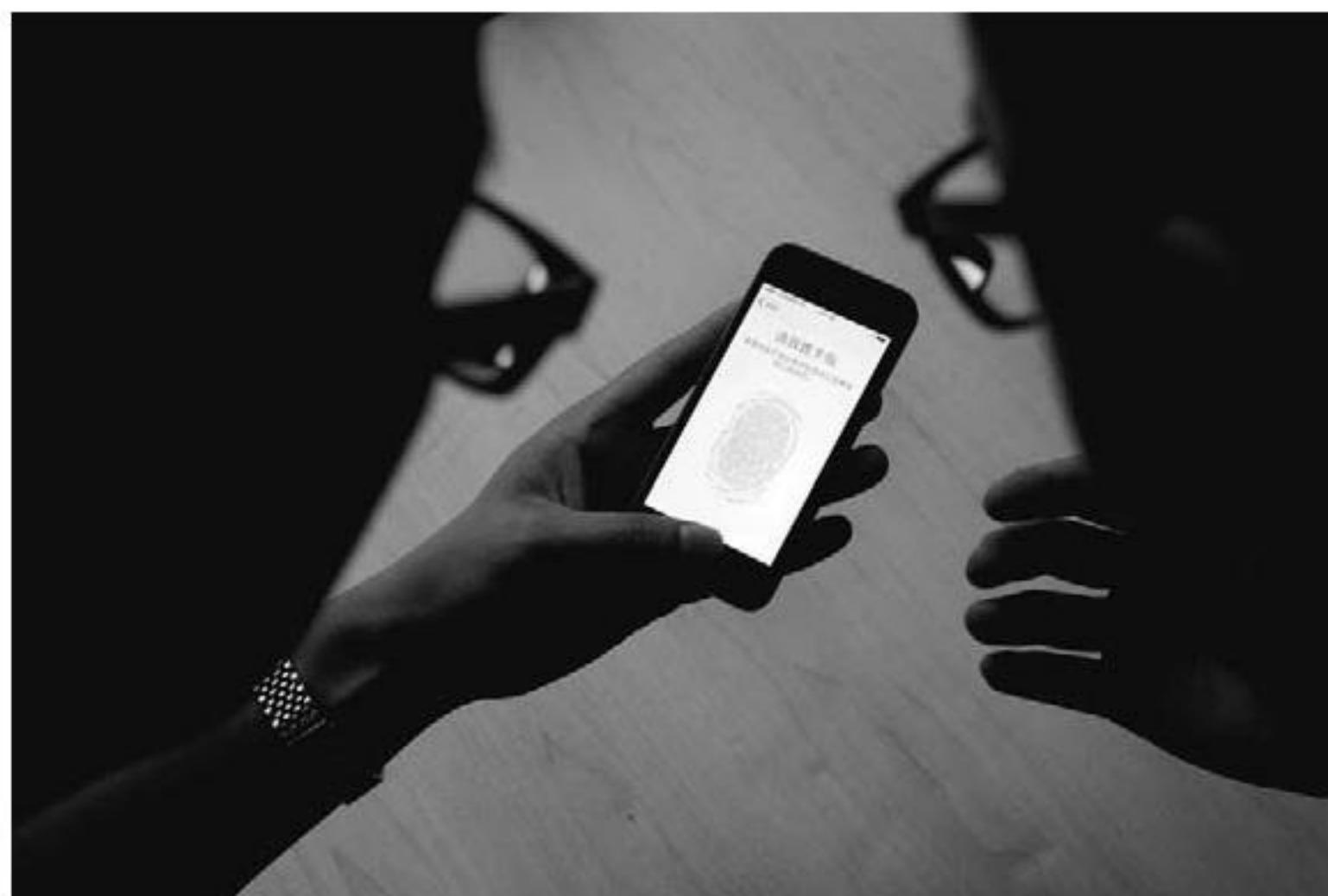
In their rush to do away with problematic passwords, Apple, Microsoft and other tech companies are nudging consumers to use their own fingerprints, faces and eyes as digital keys. Smartphones and other devices increasingly feature scanners that can verify your identity via these "biometric" signatures in order to unlock a gadget, sign into web accounts and authorize electronic payments.

But there are drawbacks: Hackers could still steal your fingerprint — or its digital representation. Police may have broader legal powers to make you unlock your phone. And so-called "biometric" systems are so convenient they could lull users into a false sense of security.

"We may expect too much from biometrics. No security systems are perfect," said Anil Jain, a computer science professor at Michigan State University who helped police unlock a smartphone by using a digitally enhanced ink copy of the owner's fingerprints.

BYPASSING THE PASSWORD

Biometric security seems like a natural solution to well-known problems with passwords. Far too many people choose weak and easily-guessed passwords like "123456" or "password." Many others reuse a single password across online accounts, all of which could be hacked if the password is compromised. And of course some use no



In this Sept. 11, 2013, file photo, an Apple employee, right, instructs a journalist on the use of the fingerprint scanner technology built into the company's iPhone 5S during a media event in Beijing.

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password at all when they can get away with it, as many phones allow.

As electronic sensors and microprocessors have grown cheaper and more powerful, gadget makers have started adding biometric sensors to familiar products.

Apple's iPhone 5S, launched in 2013, introduced fingerprint scanners to a mass audience, and rival phone makers quickly followed suit. Microsoft built biometric capabilities into the latest version of its Windows 10 software, so you can unlock your PC by briefly looking at the screen. Samsung is now touting an iris-scanning system in its latest Galaxy Note devices.

All those systems are based on the notion that each user's fingerprint — or face, or iris — is unique. But that doesn't mean they can't be reproduced.

LIFTING PRINTS, FAKING FACES

Jain, the Michigan State researcher, proved that ear-

lier this year when a local police department asked for help unlocking a finger-print-protected Samsung phone. The phone's owner was dead, but police had the owner's fingerprints on file. Jain and two associates made a digital copy of the prints, enhanced them and then printed them out with special ink that mimics the conductive properties of human skin.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina, meanwhile, fooled some commercial face-detection systems by using photos they found on the social media accounts of test subjects. They used the photos to create a three-dimensional image, enhanced with virtual reality algorithms. The spoof didn't work every time, and the researchers found it could be foiled by cameras with infrared sensors. (The Microsoft face-recognition system uses infrared-capable cameras for extra precision.)

But some experts believe any biometric system can

be cracked with sufficient determination. All it takes are simulated images of a person's fingerprint, face or even iris pattern. And if someone manages that, you can't exactly change your fingerprint or facial features as you would a stolen password.

To make such theft more difficult, biometric-equipped phones and computers typically encrypt fingerprints and similar data and store them locally, not in the "cloud" where hackers might lift them from company servers. But many biometrics can be found elsewhere.

You might easily leave your fingerprint on a drinking glass, for instance. Or it might be stored in a different database; Jain pointed to the 2015 computer breach at federal Office of Personnel Management, which compromised the files — including fingerprints — of millions of federal employees.

COMPELLED TO UNLOCK

Most crooks won't go to

that much trouble. But some experts have voiced a different concern — that biometrics could undermine important legal rights. U.S. courts have ruled that authorities can't legally require individuals to give up their passwords, since the Fifth Amendment says you can't be forced to testify or provide incriminating information against yourself. In the last two years, however, judges in Virginia and Texas have ordered individuals to unlock their phones with their fingerprints.

There's a legal distinction between something you know, like a password, and something you possess, like a physical key or a fingerprint, said Marcia Hofmann, a San Francisco attorney who specializes in privacy and computer security.

While you can't be forced to reveal the combination of a safe, she noted, the Supreme Court has said you can be required to turn over a physical key to unlock a door.

"Getting your thumb print or iris scan is not the same as making you speak," agreed Orin Kerr, a law professor at George Washington University. "In practice it's another way of getting access to the computer, but through a very different means."

The issue hasn't been tested yet in higher courts, though it's likely just a matter of time.

Even with vulnerabilities, some analysts say the convenience of biometric locks is a plus — not least because it may give the password-averse another easy option to secure their devices. "It's bringing secure authentication to the masses," said Joseph Lorenzo Hall, a tech policy expert at the non-profit Center for Democracy and Technology. □

US stock indexes bust records as oil prices jump

MARLEY JAY

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NEW YORK (AP) — A jump in oil prices helped pull U.S. stocks to record highs Monday as investors continue to hope for a cut in oil production that could help prices go higher. The start of the week once again brought several corporate deals, with companies in the energy and technology industries making big moves.

The price of oil rose about 4 percent as investors hope the countries in OPEC, which collectively produce more than a third of the world's oil, will soon finalize a deal that would lower oil production and help support prices. The gains were widespread, with technology, basic materials and utility companies all moving higher.

Stocks reached all-time highs over the summer and have built on those gains since the election. On Monday the Dow Jones industrial average, Standard & Poor's 500, and Nasdaq composite all set records. So did the Russell 2000, an index of smaller companies, and the S&P's small- and mid-size company indexes. The last time all those indexes set records on the same day was Dec. 31, 1999, according to Ryan Detrick, senior market strategist for LPL Financial. The Dow rose 88.76 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,956.69. The S&P 500 climbed 16.28 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,198.18. The Nasdaq composite jumped 47.35 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,368.86. Benchmark U.S. crude oil



Trader Gregory Rowe, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016. A jump in oil prices helped pull U.S. stocks to record highs Monday as investors continue to hope for a cut in oil production that could help prices go higher.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

rose to its highest price this month. It gained \$1.80, or 3.9 percent, to \$47.49 a barrel while Brent crude, the international standard, rose \$2.04, or 4.4 percent, to \$48.90 a barrel in London.

That led to gains for energy companies. Marathon Oil added 86 cents, or 5.5 percent, to \$16.48 and Exxon Mobil added \$1.21, or 1.4 percent, to \$86.49.

OPEC representatives will meet in Vienna on Nov. 30. They have agreed to preliminary terms of a deal that will trim oil production, but the details remain to be determined. Quincy Crosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial, said investors are encouraged by the effort, but she doesn't think a deal, if one happens, will have much

effect on oil prices.

"There's nothing to suggest the agreement's going to hold," she said.

"When all is said and done, supply and demand will ultimately dictate the price." Meat producer Tyson Foods tumbled \$9.76, or 14.5 percent, to \$57.60. The company's fourth-quarter profit and sales fell far short of Wall Street's forecasts as Tyson's chicken business struggled. The company also said CEO Donnie Smith will step down at the end of this year, and company president Tom Hayes will replace him.

Competitor Hormel Foods lost 64 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$34.94.

Small-company stocks have surged since the election.

The Russell 2000 has risen for

12 days in a row.

Technology stocks also made substantial gains. They have lagged the market since the election after very strong performance over the summer. Facebook rose \$4.75, or 4.1 percent, to \$121.77 while online payments company PayPal advanced 55 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$40.63 and Apple picked up \$1.69, or 1.5 percent, to \$111.75.

Identity theft and fraud protection company LifeLock jumped \$3.06, or 14.7 percent, to \$23.81 after security software maker Symantec agreed to buy the company for \$2.3 billion. The deal values LifeLock at \$24 a share. Symantec picked up 77 cents, or 3.2 percent, to \$24.52, a sign investors approve of the purchase. □

US homebuilder confidence solid over November

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U.S. homebuilders' confidence held steady this month, though their expectations for sales into next year dimmed slightly. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released last week was unchanged at 63.

That's two points below September's reading, which was the highest in nearly a year, and up one point from a year ago.

Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor.

The index has been above 60 the past three months after hovering in the high 50s much of this year.

The latest builder sentiment index is in line with what analysts polled by FactSet were expecting. Builders' view of current sales held steady from last month, while a gauge of traffic by prospective buyers edged higher.

But their outlook for sales over the next six months declined slightly.

Even so, builders remain optimistic overall about new home sales, which are running ahead of last year's pace. "Ongoing job creation, rising incomes and attractive mortgage rates are supporting demand in the single-family housing sector," said Robert Dietz, the NAHB's chief economist. "This will help keep housing on a steady, upward glide path in the months ahead." Sales of new U.S. homes hit a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 593,000 units as of September, up nearly 30 percent from a year earlier. October new-home sales figures are due out next week.

In all, sales of new homes were up 13 percent through the first nine months of this year compared to the same period in 2015. Still, builders complain new construction is being hampered by a shortage of skilled labor and rising costs for ready-to-build land parcels in many markets. □

Sunoco Logistics acquiring Energy Transfer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. is buying rival Energy Transfer Partners in a stock deal worth about \$20 billion that the energy companies' hope will boost their operations.

But shares for both companies fell in afternoon trading.

The deal comes as Energy Transfer Partners remains at the center of controversy over the Dakota Access

oil pipeline that will transfer oil from North Dakota to Illinois. Construction of the \$3.8 billion pipeline has been the object of protests for months by the Standing Rock Sioux, whose reservation lies near the pipeline route, and the tribe's allies, who fear a leak could contaminate their drinking water.

Energy Transfer shareholders will receive 1.5 common units of Sunoco stock for

each Energy transfer share they own. Based on Sunoco's closing price Friday, the deal was worth about \$21.31 billion.

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter. The companies said they expect the deal to produce more than \$200 million in commercial benefits and savings annually by 2019. Kelcy Warren, current chairman of Energy Transfer, will be CEO of the new com-

pany. Michael J. Hennigan is currently CEO of Sunoco Logistics and is expected to have a management role with other executives after the deals.

Shares of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania-based Sunoco Logistics fell \$2.05, or 7.9 percent, to \$24.14 in afternoon trading. Shares of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners fell 3.50 percent, or 8.9 percent, to \$35.86.

Retail Value: Small retailers strategize with hope of successful holidays

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Small and independent retailers are strategizing to try to make the most of an uncertain holiday season. The last three months of the year are critical for many retailers, who may get half their annual revenue during that time. But consumers who may be hesitant to splurge have led retailers to be increasingly creative about special promotions and discounts, and also prompted many to use technology to help determine what customers want.

"We've had such a protracted, sluggish economy that I assume that's the way it's going to be," says Brian Reardon, owner of Monster Music, which sells musical instruments and provides music lessons in Levittown, New York.

Reardon has found it harder to get more people to buy lessons — while the store has 600 students, that's little changed over the past two years. To encourage prospective students or their parents to sign up, he gives away an acoustic guitar when they pay for six months of lessons that cost \$600. Although overall spending at retailers across the country rose in September and November, it remains weak at many stores that get much of their revenue from the holidays. Sales at department stores fell more than 5 percent the first 10 months of the year, according to the Commerce Department.

At electronics stores, they were off more than 3 percent, and they edged up just 0.4 percent at clothing stores. "They're going to have to provide some level of added value, innovation and quality," says Joe Brusuelas, chief economist with RSM US, a consulting firm whose clients include retailers. Traditional brick-and-mortar stores have lost business not only to the internet but also to consumers' growing preference for travel and other



Jacques Torres, who sells his well-known and high-end chocolate and other food at eight locations in New York and online, assembles a gift basket at his flagship store in New York. Torres, whose chocolates retail for nearly \$40 a pound, has a lot of competition and rising expenses like rent and wages. He plans a special promotion with a sandwich, beverage and ice cream for \$10 at his cafe in Grand Central Terminal.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

experiences over possessions, he says.

Mark Aselstine's wine club and gift basket sales growth has been flat. So he's planning to give customers more options when they order from Uncorked Ventures; alongside the company's \$150 baskets will be some priced \$115, with cheaper shipping. The baskets can be preselected or customized.

"The market quite honestly simply hasn't moved in our direction as much as we'd hoped over the past few years," says Aselstine, whose company is based in Berkeley, California.

Some of his customers are looking for good bottles but at lower prices. Choices like that have brought down the price of baskets the company sells — while two years ago the average price was \$322, now it's \$45 to \$50 less.

Even companies that seem like they might not have to worry during the holidays are offering deals.

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Central Terminal. Torres, whose chocolates retail for nearly \$40 a pound, has a lot of competition and rising expenses like rent and wages.

"We never used to discount anything. Now we do, because we need the sales, we need the advertising, we need the buzz," he says.

Still, retailers can't assume shoppers will opt for the cheapest gifts. Customers of Daddies Board Shop are eager to buy skateboards and snowboards with price tags that run into the hundreds of dollars, but are choosy about lower-priced

staples, president Daron Horwitz says.

"People are comfortable spending on things that are fun and different, and they spend less on the more-banal products like backpacks and shoes and shirts," says Horwitz, who sells through his store in Portland, Oregon, and its website.

And strategy doesn't necessarily have to be about price. At Combatant Gentlemen, a clothing store in Santa Monica, California, with an online shop as well, CEO Vishal Melwani uses technologies that track the paths that shoppers take on the website and as they walk through the physical store. Jordan Dollard's clothing store, Elsa Fine, caters to women in their 20s and 30s. She spent the last six months studying shoppers' habits, and realized she needs to buy different merchandise for the Charlotte, North Carolina, location, for its website and for pop-up shops she'll have this season.

She found that an online shopper wants to quickly find staple items, while a visitor to the store is more likely to be buying a party dress — and wants an experience that includes music and maybe something to drink.

"We're in a time where walking into a store, picking out what you want and leaving is not enough anymore," Dollard says. □

Scottish visit Liechtenstein, eyeing EU trade post-Brexit

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — With Britain's exit from the European Union looming, Scottish officials have been visiting Liechtenstein to explore the tiny Alpine country's arrangements that give it access to the massive EU market.

Liechtenstein Foreign Minister Aurelia Frick says Scottish envoys have been "coming and visiting ... and trying to find out especially about the func-

tioning" of the European Economic Area that allows Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway to be part of the EU single market.

Frick spoke in an interview Monday with The Associated Press in Geneva at a meeting of ministers from the European Free Trade Association, another bloc that unites Switzerland with those three countries.

Frick said Liechtenstein can inform Scotland about the way the EEA and EFTA work, but echoed other

ministers who emphasized that Britain must sort out its own post-Brexit ambitions before membership in either could be considered.

"We haven't had any signal from the U.K. about these questions," said Monica Maeland, Norway's minister of trade and industry.

"I think first of all, Britain has to decide for themselves which way they are going to go."

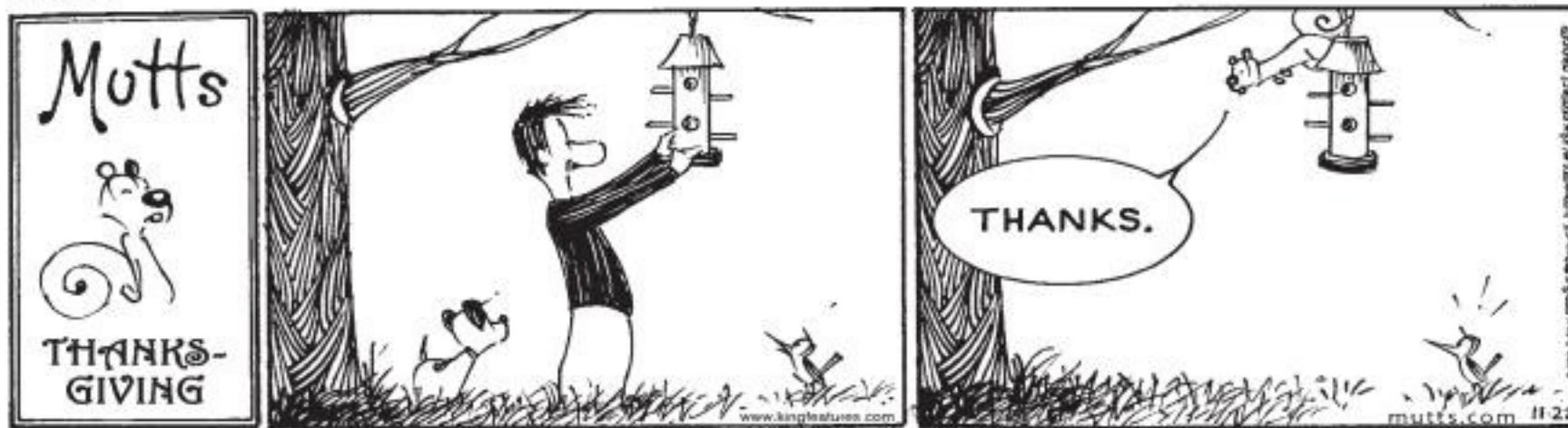
Last week, Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon,

said the two models were being examined as a way to ensure Scotland's place in the EU market.

The Scottish government plans to lay out proposals aimed at keeping Scotland in that market even if the rest of Britain leaves.

EEA membership offers access to the EU market, but members must make a financial contribution and adopt most EU legislation as well as allow for the free movement of people to and from the bloc. □

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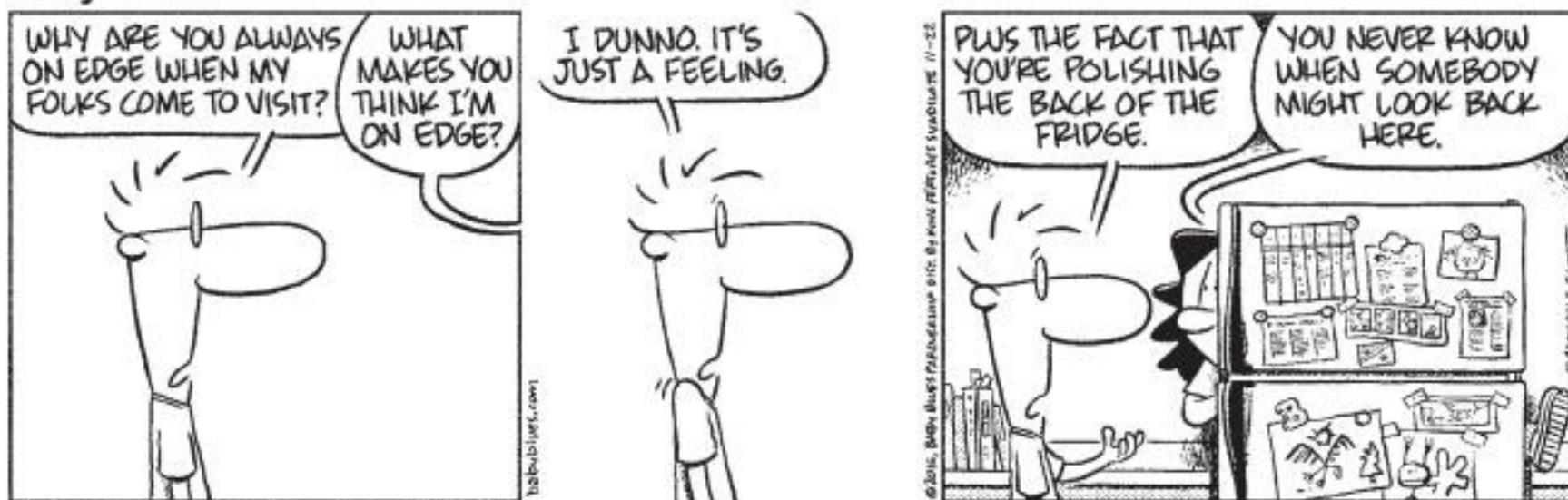
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London girl's remains cryogenically preserved



Andy Zawacki, the facility manager at the Cryonics Institute stands next to storage containers at the facility, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 in Clinton Township, Mich. The remains of a 14-year-old London girl whose dying wish was to be cryogenically preserved with the hope with the hope she could continue her life in the future when cancer is cured are being kept at the Michigan-based Cryonics Institute. The unidentified girl's remains were brought to the facility last month after a British High Court judge granted her wish.

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MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

Associated Press

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — The remains of a 14-year-old London girl whose dying wish was to be cryogenically preserved with the hope of someday being brought back to life are being kept at the Michigan-based Cryonics Institute.

"It was her wish to be cryopreserved, and her wish was granted," Andy Zawacki, facility manager at the Cryonics Institute in the Detroit suburb of Clinton Township, said Monday. It is one of three full-service cryonics facilities in the world. The others are in Arizona and Russia.

The unidentified girl's remains were brought to the

facility last month after a British High Court judge granted her wish. She died in mid-October after telling the court she hoped she could be woken after a cure for her cancer is found, even if that's "in hundreds of years' time." The matter ultimately was resolved in the Family Division of the court because the girl was a minor whose divorced parents did not agree on what should be done with her body. The girl's father, who initially opposed the procedure that offered no evidence of success, eventually softened his stance as his daughter's death neared and after she expressed her wishes in a heartfelt letter.

"The idea of freezing whole bodies and bringing them back to life has basically zero scientific support at this point," said Hank Greely, a professor and director of the Stanford University Center for Law and the Biosciences.

Cryonics Institute was incorporated in 1976 and preserved its first patient in 1977. It now has 145 human patients and 125 pet patients. It has more than 600 "contracted members" who "signed up to be frozen upon death."

"The ultimate goal is to revive our patients," Zawacki said. "We refer to them as 'patients,' because we don't believe that they're corpses. We haven't given up on them."

Of the pets housed there, 90 percent are cats and dogs, he said. Other animals include a parrot, an iguana and a hamster. Cryonics Institute has two types of memberships. A lifetime membership requires a one-time payment of \$1,250 and \$28,000 to be frozen. An annual membership calls for a \$120-a-year payment with a one-time initiation fee of \$75 and \$35,000 to be frozen. Only members can cryopreserve pets. The cost varies by size with the cost of a cat at \$5,800. "If you think about this as a health intervention, I think it's ethically problematic," Greely said. Zawacki defended the practice. "This isn't a scam," he said. □

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Tanzanian rats will train to sniff out trafficked pangolins

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Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The pangolin, a scaly ant-eater coveted by poachers, might have a new champion: rats that will be trained to sniff out trafficked pangolin parts in shipments heading from Africa to Asia.

A pilot project to turn African giant pouched rats into conservationist sleuths is literally in its infancy — the 10 to 15 rodents being reared in Tanzania to detect pungent pangolin remains as well as smuggled hardwood timber are just a few weeks old and most are still with their mothers.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, however, is on board with the vermin trial, which organizers hope can eventually be used to find hidden elephant ivory and rhino horn.

The American agency has provided \$100,000 to support what it says could be "an innovative tool in combating illegal wildlife trade."

The challenge seems overwhelming.



In this Friday, Nov. 18, 2016 photo supplied by APOPO, (Anti-Persoonsmijnen Ontmijnende Product Ontwikkeling: Anti-Personnel Landmines Removal Product Development" in English) infant rats are photographed, in Morogoro, Tanzania, ahead of training to detect trafficked pangolin parts and smuggled hardwood timber.

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Conservationists describe the pangolin as the world's most heavily trafficked mammal because its meat is considered a delicacy in Vietnam and some parts of China, and its scales are used in traditional Chinese medicine.

Wildlife contraband is concealed among vast numbers of shipping containers that annually leave Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, Mom-

basa in Kenya and other African ports.

Yet APOPO, a non-profit group based in Tanzania, already harnesses the rats' keen sense of smell to find mines and other explosive material on old battlefields in Angola, Mozambique and, more recently, Cambodia.

The organization also uses rats to detect tuberculosis in sputum samples of patients in Tanzania and Mozambique.

The rats in the conservation project will start "socialization training," which means being carried around on people's shoulders and in their pockets, being driven around and generally getting used to sights and sounds, APOPO spokesman James Pursey said.

Then comes "click and reward" training in which the rats are fed a treat whenever they hear a clicking sound, and they'll eventually learn to link the gamey smell of pangolin scales with edible rewards.

Later, the intensity of the pangolin smell will be reduced and other smells will be added to confuse the rats.

The ultimate aim is to train the rodents to scratch or linger over the pangolin or hardwood aroma for three seconds, tipping handlers to a possible find.

APOPO is confident it can get rats to discriminate between a pangolin scent and other smells, and "the challenge is going to be how the rats actually test the containers," Pursey said.

The Endangered Wildlife Trust, a South African group leading the project, said the trial "builds on the use of scent detection by dogs, but will take advantage of the rats' added agility and ability to access the container vents, which would provide the most air from the container, and potentially the most scent. Alternatively, the rats will detect scents sampled onto a filter through the vents."

Handlers can dispatch rats with leashes and harnesses into hard-to-reach areas, but then "how are they going to tell us that they've found something?" said Kirsty Brebner of the Endangered Wildlife Trust.

One option being considered is to install small cameras on the backs of the rats, an idea that has been discussed for the detection of people trapped in collapsed buildings after an earthquake or bombing.

WWF and TRAFFIC have supported "successful" tests using dogs and air-filtering technology to detect wildlife contraband, "but we are still learning the best ways to apply the system for prime time, permanent applications," said Crawford Allan, a leader of an anti-wildlife crime initiative launched by the two conservation groups.

"Dogs do need a lot of care and we won't risk them crawling into tight spaces where they could be injured — so bringing in a conservation 'pied piper' and a squad of rats could help in those circumstances where they can move freely, with low risk in more cramped conditions inside shipping containers or on the back of trucks etc.," Allan said in an email.

He is not involved in the rat research.

If the training goes well, it could still be another year or so before the rats finally get to work.

They'll stick to cargo perusal rather than, for example, checking out people's luggage in airports.

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'Moana' song work an oasis from 'Hamilton' craze for Miranda

MIKE CIDONI LENNOX

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

When Lin-Manuel Miranda needed a break from his American history phenomenon "Hamilton," envisioning the crisp blue waters of Polynesia and Disney's latest animated musical "Moana" offered the perfect getaway. Miranda is following up his Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway hit by contributing seven original songs for Moana," opening Wednesday. The writer-composer-actor was hired for the film before "Hamilton" hit, and said working on "Moana" proved a respite from the Broadway frenzy.

"When I got sick of doing American history research, I'd go sail across the water with Maui and Moana," Miranda, 36, said in a recent interview.

"And once the (stage) show was written and it was

up and running, ('Moana') was my oasis of calm in the 'Hamilton' phenomenon." "Moana" tells the story of a teenager who is drawn to the open ocean despite her father's admonition that no one from their island village venture beyond the reef. But a curse threatens their survival — the fish have stopped biting and the plants are dying — so Moana defies her dad, who is also the village chief, to seek solutions across the water. She'll need help from the elusive Maui, demigod of wind and sea. Newcomer Auli'i Cravalho plays Moana.

Dwayne Johnson voices Maui.

Miranda said Johnson needed no coaxing to sing. In fact, he demanded it.

"It wasn't about getting him to sing," Miranda said. "It was about meeting the challenge of: you've got this larger-than-life

personality, he's incredibly charming, how do you write a song worthy of that?"

Johnson said he just wanted to do whatever he could to make the film better.

"I was up for, yes, singing," he said. "Because I knew what you have with Lin... He's a master and he's a genius, really, at what he does. I knew if I gave him the parameters and the directive of there's no limits, let's just have fun and go for it — and he wrote this song and we had a blast."

As Maui, Johnson performs a song about how wonderful he is called "You're Welcome." Other Miranda-written songs include Moana's tune, "How Far I'll Go," the sweeping "We Know the Way" and the '70s glam-rock inspired "Shiny," performed by Jemaine Clement as a cranky crab. Miranda is still in Disney's



In this Nov. 14, 2016 file photo, Lin-Manuel Miranda arrives at the "Moana" world premiere in Los Angeles. Miranda wrote songs for the film.

Associated Press

fold, having just relocated his family to London to begin production on "Mary Poppins Returns" next year.

He plays a lamplighter, while Emily Blunt takes on the title character. Miranda said his wife and son are adjusting well to the move across the pond. It's his dog that's having

trouble acclimating.

"We live in an apartment in New York, and my dog is not used to having stairs," he said. "So getting netting on the ground so my dog felt comfortable on the stairs was the biggest challenge."

"Mary Poppins Returns" is set for release in 2018. □

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Fast-talking 'Gilmore Girls' returns; mad binging forecast

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The familiar voices float softly from a black screen, as if in a dream.

There's Luke, gruffly: "How many cups have you had this morning?"

And this parent-child banter: "Did you do something slutty?" Rory teasingly asks her mom. "I'm not THAT happy," shoots back Lorelai.

Thankfully, it's not imagined. It's the reality of "Gilmore Girls," returning Friday after a nine-year absence, during which long-time fans pined for what they'd lost and newcomers discovered what they'd missed through reruns.

Opening-credit snippets of the show's hallmark dialogue kick off Netflix's sequel to the 2000-07 broadcast series with a promise: the characters, their snappy banter and the show's key notes will be honored. But the four-part "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life" is aimed at more than true believers, creator Amy Sherman-Palladino said in an interview.

"We want it to be something that fans are going to know, but if you haven't watched 'Gilmore' you can come to it fresh and take it on face value: It's a story of three women, an intergenerational, multigenerational story, and you are catching them at times that each of their lives is changing."

That trio around which the universe rotates consists of devoted single mom Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham), her equally devoted daughter Rory (Alexis Bledel) and stern grandmother Emily (Kelly Bishop). As the first chapter opens, Lorelai and Rory are still the belles of fictional Connecticut hamlet Stars Hollow — so perfect, quips Lorelai, it belongs in a snow globe. Luke (Scott Patterson), Lorelai's on-again, off-again love is here, as are the supporting characters who gave the show, well, character. That includes official

town nudge Taylor (now lobbying for a sewer system); reliably idiosyncratic Kirk (he's just launched Ooober, a non-app version of Uber) and even, in one episode, buoyant chef Sookie (courtesy of film star Melissa McCarthy's return to her TV roots).

Whatever bliss viewers find in the girl-power dramedy's resurrection may be exceeded only by that of Sherman-Palladino, who wrote and produced it with Dan Palladino, her husband and creative partner on the sequel and the original.

"It was literally like no time had passed," Sherman-Palladino told a TV critics' news conference. "It was joyous. It was fun. It was exhilarating. It was the old show. ... It was just like it was meant to continue."

Graham sees "Gilmore Girls" as a welcome refuge from hard-edged TV and our prickly modern reality in general.

"I think it's because it's extremely comforting in a world that is lacking comfort and has a great choice of shows available that are stressful — great, but stressful, and so this kind of stands out in the way that it did then," she said.

There's a sad shadow, however, cast by the passing of family head Richard Gilmore.

That reflects the December 2014 death of Edward Herrmann, the respected actor who played him in the original series.

"We all really felt his loss, and he would have loved it (working on the sequel) so much," Graham said in an interview. "But I think the way the story is handled is a really nice tribute to him." The 90-minute episodes follow the seasons and are titled for each, starting with "Winter." While Lorelai and Emily face Richard's death in their own way, they also find their relationship affected by it.

Rory's romantic past is a factor as all of her ex-boyfriends appear in the series "one way or another," said

Bledel. So is the character's journalism career, and while Bledel is aware that her character's love life intrigues viewers, she'd like them to consider the complete young woman.

"There is so much more to her character that it's great when people focus on those things, on her ambition and her accomplishments and her goals," the actress said.

Given that all the episodes will be made available at once on streaming service Netflix, Sherman-Palladino sees trouble on the horizon. After holding close the four words she's long said should end the Gilmore saga (she wasn't in charge of the show's last season on the CW network), she wants viewers to avoid spoiling the experience, either by posting the phrase or by impatiently jumping to the final scene.

"It's going to mean a lot more if you've taken the journey, and it's going to mean a lot less if you just flip to the last page. ... It's a fun trip. It's worth it," she said.

And does it end with "A Year in the Life"? Sherman-Palladino plays verbal dodgeball with the question: "It's what it is right now. We put these together. We told these stories. And now we throw them out to the universe."

Leave it to Kirk — OK, actor Sean Gunn, who plays him — to provide a skewed ray of hope that, perhaps, there will be more "Gilmore Girls."

"I don't want to start any rumors, because I don't know," Gunn cautioned. "But to take a step back and address that as a fan of the show, if the interest is there and we can get the scheduling right and Amy and Dan want to do it, I don't know why we wouldn't be able to, really."

So the miniseries' ending leaves an opening?

"The Earth does not get destroyed by a meteor at the end," he said, wryly. "So the possibility of more must live out there somewhere." □

Film shows recovery for Boston Marathon bombing survivors

PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A new documentary about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings chronicles the long road to recovery for many of the survivors still struggling with physical and emotional wounds.

"Marathon: The Patriots Day Bombing" focuses on the stories of three families who had all been spectators near the finish line when two pressure cooker bombs detonated: a young newlywed couple, a mother and daughter and two brothers. The nearly two-hour film, which had its Boston premiere last week, airs on Monday on HBO.

Filmmakers Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg say they set out to give an unflinching look at the ups and downs of long-term recovery from the attack, which killed three people and in-

jured nearly 300 others.

"We felt a huge responsibility to tell a broad picture of the survivors' story," said Stern. "Many of the survivors feel this global relationship with other survivors of terrorist attacks."

That if there's some way their recovery can help others going through something similar, they want to do it."

Patrick Downes, one of the survivors spotlighted in the documentary, says it wasn't always easy having the filmmakers along for the journey.

"You have to be incredibly vulnerable during the worst moments of your life and share with people all the struggles involved," Downes said. "We thought this was an important story to tell and we accepted that responsibility in the hopes that it represented not only our experience

but the experience of a lot of other people."

The 33-year-old Cambridge native and his wife, Jessica Kensky, had each lost part of a leg in the blast, but their recovery over the next three years couldn't be more different.

Downes was able walk again using a prosthetic leg and eventually ran the 2016 Boston Marathon.

It's a bittersweet moment that closes the film because while Downes seems to triumph over his injuries, Kensky continues to battle through multiple surgeries and setbacks.

The film also shows how post-traumatic stress still haunts those who weren't seriously injured or even there on marathon day.

Bombing survivor Kevin Corcoran suffers superficial physical injuries, but is consumed with guilt because he had urged the family to

move closer to the front of the crowds. His wife ended up losing both of her legs and his daughter suffered serious leg injuries in the blast.

Another mother, Liz Norden, wasn't at the race but her two adult sons were spectators. They both lost legs in the blast.

Two years after the attack, in 2015, Norden has a harder time moving on than her sons, attending nearly every day of the death penalty trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the youngest of two brothers that perpetrated the attack.

"Each one of them has experienced the impact in different ways. Everyone plays out the 'what ifs,'" said Stern, the filmmaker. "I didn't realize that, three years out, this, in many ways, is the hardest thing to get at — the mental pain." □



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Rocky: 40 years later, he's still a lovable underdog

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On Nov. 21, 1976, audiences met Rocky Balboa, the southpaw boxer from south Philadelphia. Four decades later, Sylvester Stallone's lovable character resonates with fans drawn to his underdog tale of determination, grit and sleepy-eyed charm.

The reach of "Rocky" is international, and the film serves as a slice of Americana. It is shorthand for Philadelphia as much as the Liberty Bell or Benjamin Franklin.

"Anytime we are speaking to overseas visitors ... the conversation always turns, at some point, to 'Rocky,'" said Julie Coker Graham, president of the Philadelphia Convention and



Alex Carrillo Quito of Ecuador imitates the character Rocky Balboa from the 1976 movie "Rocky," on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in Philadelphia, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

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Luca Wyatt, 8, center, accompanied by his father Josh Wyatt, right, and uncle Robert Spring imitate the character Rocky Balboa from the 1976 movie "Rocky," on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in Philadelphia, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

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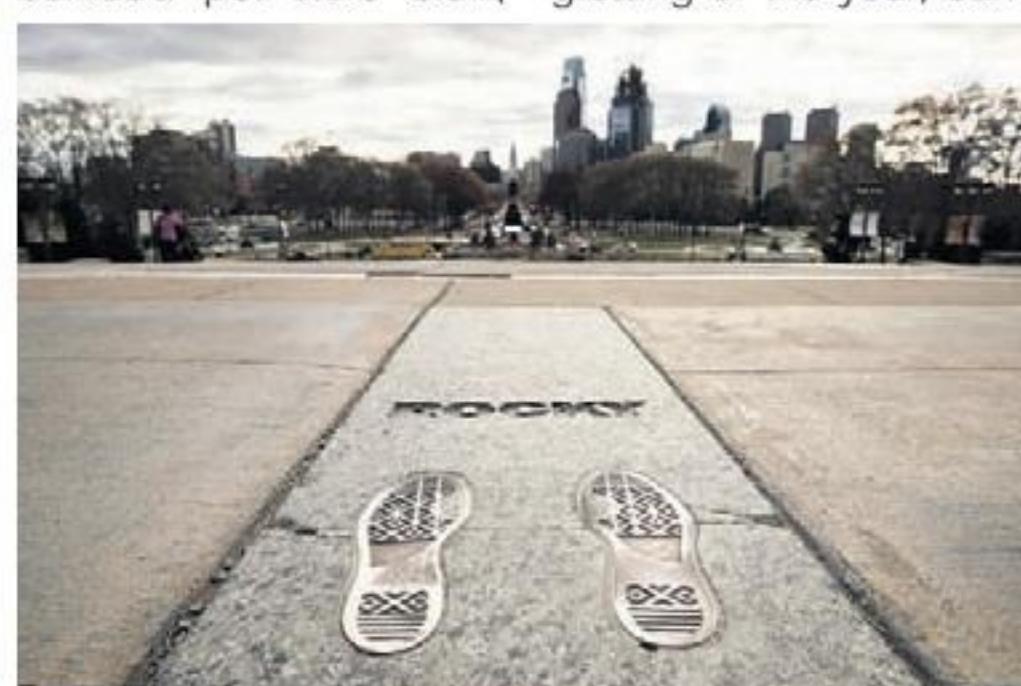
Visitors Bureau. "They ask, 'Have you met Rocky?' A lot of them think it's an actual, real-life person."

On the film's 40th anniversary, a few reasons for its enduring legacy:

LOVABLE UNDERDOG

Written by Stallone in three days, fans fell hard for the ballad of Rocky Balboa. For the uninitiated (**SPOILER ALERT**): The small-time boxer from the heavily Italian neighborhood of South Philly stumbles into a bout with the heavyweight champion of the world, Apollo Creed, fighting in the city to celebrate America's bicentennial. To get him into fighting shape, Rocky (played by Stallone) is trained by the

(Burgess Meredith), whose many one-liners make him a frequent scene stealer. Rocky also finds love in the film with sheepish neighborhood pet store clerk,



A marker indicates the location where the Rocky statue once stood in Philadelphia, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

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Adrian (Talia Shire). Though he ultimately loses the fight, Rocky proves himself and wins Adrian's heart, making him the winner of much more than a title.

The film itself was a long shot, made on a budget of only \$1 million and shot in 28 days, with a largely unknown cast, including Stallone himself. And it was shot in working-class Philadelphia, a city that — despite its roots as the crucible of freedom — had long had a chip on its shoulder as second-tier as compared to more cultured East Coast metropolises like New York and Boston.

CHEERS FOR ROCKY

What the movie lacked in beauty, it made up for in heart, something that resonated with audiences worldwide.

The film was the highest-grossing of the year, earn-

ing \$117 million at the North American box office and another \$107 million overseas.

"Rocky" received 10 Oscar nominations in nine categories at the Academy



Tourist visit a statue from the movie character Rocky Balboa outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art in Philadelphia, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

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Awards, winning three: best picture, best director (John G. Avildsen) and best film editing. Stallone, Burgess and Shire were all nominated in acting categories, and Stallone was nominated for his screenplay.

"Rocky" is preserved in the Library of Congress' National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

GONNA FLY NOW

The score for "Rocky," which was also nominated for an Oscar, was penned by Bill Conti.

The main song, "Gonna Fly Now," was originally

intended as filler for the training sequence marking Rocky's journey from amateur to contender. The opening fanfare is among the most recognizable in American culture, and the soaring melody that plays on the melancholic theme woven throughout the movie is the backdrop to Rocky doing impressive one-armed pushups, punching meat in his girlfriend's brother's butcher shop and running through Philadelphia's Italian Market, along the Schuylkill River and past the shipyards.

THE ROCKY STEPS AND STATUE

The montage climaxes in one of the film's most memorable scenes, as Rocky bounds up the 72 steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, raising his arms in triumph.

Four decades later, the run and pose atop the steps are re-created daily in Philadelphia, mostly by tourists. In 1982, a statue of Rocky

commissioned by Stallone for "Rocky III" was placed in the spot where he stood in the original film. Its current home is just to the right of the steps and is a selfie stop for visitors.

ROCKY'S NEXT CHAPTER

The original movie was followed by six sequels. In 2015, Rocky was reborn in "Creed," the story of Adonis Creed, the son of his nemesis-turned-best friend, Apollo.

The New York Times reviewed it as a "dandy piece of entertainment, soothingly old-fashioned and bracingly up-to-date." □